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WASHINGTON, Oct. 11 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended Oct. 6 totaled an estimated 18.4 billion ton-miles, 3.6 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 40 weeks of 1979 was an estimated 688.8 billion ton-miles, 6.2 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended Oct. 6 totaled 486,316 cars, 6.6 percent below 1978, and 1.6 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 7.9 percent in the East, 9.9 percent in the South, and 3.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1978, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down, although grain loadings were up 1,962 cars or 6.7 percent, and loadings of metallic ores were up 2,890 cars, or 8.3 percent. Fifteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 29 totaled 38,576 cars, up 36.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1978, and 68,978 trailers and/or containers, 34.3 percent higher than last year. The large increases were attributed to the strike last year by the Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 39 weeks of the year was 1,397,482, 2.4 percent higher than last year, and 2,466,355 trailers and/or containers, up 4.5 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/6.[1]

	Loadings in Week ended October 6, 1979		Change from Corresponding Week 1978		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	31,189	I	1,962	6.7	I 1,458	4.9
Other farm products	4,688	D	2,058	30.5	I 1,031	28.2
Metallic ores	37,805	I	2,890	8.3	D 415	1.1
Coal	113,345	D	1,553	1.4	D 203	0.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,267	D	5,031	22.6	D 1,463	7.8
Nonmetallic minerals	14,948	D	2,051	12.1	D 801	5.1
Grain mill products	17,913	D	2,169	10.8	D 491	2.7
Food and kindred products	18,713	D	2,385	11.3	D 1,301	6.5
Primary forest products	20,732	D	4,174	16.8	I 56	0.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	11,490	D	2,917	20.2	D 1,056	8.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,429	D	1,193	5.3	D 1,749	7.5
Chemicals and allied products	28,525	D	1,662	5.5	D 1,118	3.8
Petroleum products	6,367	D	1,005	13.6	I 119	1.9
Stone, clay and glass products	19,697	D	1,428	6.8	I 501	2.6
Coke	6,553	D	437	6.3	I 422	6.9
Metals and products	18,707	D	668	3.4	D 703	3.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,354	D	4,958	18.8	D 735	3.3
Waste and scrap materials	13,519	D	1,146	7.8	D 675	4.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	13,740	D	33	0.2	D 113	0.8
All other carloads	47,931	D	4,200	8.1	D 515	1.1
LCL traffic	404	D	272	40.2	D 44	9.8
Total Cars Loaded	486,316	D	34,488	6.6	D 7,795	1.6
Corresponding week of 1978	520,804					

	1979	1978	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (40 weeks)	18,412,617	17,689,083	I 4.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
39 weeks cumulative	670.4	629.5	I 6.5
Week ended October 6	18.4	19.1	D 3.6
40 weeks cumulative	688.8	648.6	I 6.2

[1] The figures above include 12 railroads no longer considered Class I roads when the qualifying requirement for Class I companies was raised by the ICC from $10 million to $50 million in annual operating revenues as of January 1, 1978.

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WASHINGTON, October 18 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 13 totaled an estimated 18.4 billion ton-miles, 0.2 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 41 weeks of 1979 was an estimated 707 billion ton-miles, 6.0 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 13 totaled 486,241 cars, 3.2 percent below 1978, and virtually the same as the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 7.3 percent in the East, 2.5 percent in the South, and 0.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1978, 18 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings totaled 115,641, a high for this year, and loadings of grain were up 5,921 cars, or 21.2 percent. Thirteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 6 totaled 38,558 cars, down 5.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1978, and 67,707 trailers and/or containers, 3.6 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 40 weeks of the year was 1,436,040, 2.2 percent higher than last year, and 2,534,062 trailers and/or containers, up 4.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/13.[1]

	Loadings in Week ended October 13, 1979	Change from Corresponding Week 1978		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	33,823	I 5,921	21.2	I 2,634	8.4
Other farm products	5,311	D 2,173	29.0	I 625	13.3
Metallic ores	34,701	D 6,416	15.6	D 3,103	8.2
Coal	115,641	I 10,570	10.1	I 2,296	2.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	18,542	D 2,720	12.8	I 1,252	7.2
Nonmetallic minerals	16,120	D 842	5.0	I 1,181	7.9
Grain mill products	18,066	D 1,758	8.9	I 154	0.9
Food and kindred products	18,930	D 1,837	8,8	I 222	1.2
Primary forest products	20,970	D 729	3.4	I 241	1.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	11,807	D 591	4.8	I 317	2.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,155	I 63	0.3	D 273	1.3
Chemicals and allied products	27,387	D 1,603	5.5	D 1,144	4.0
Petroleum products	6,148	D 835	12.0	D 219	3.4
Stone, clay and glass products	19,590	D 1,653	7.8	D 103	0.5
Coke	6,621	D 619	8.5	I 67	1.0
Metals and products	17,429	D 578	3.2	D 1,283	6.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,602	D 5,340	19,8	I 247	1.2
Waste and scrap materials	13,797	D 391	2.8	I 269	2.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	12,848	D 291	2.2	D 892	6.5
All other carloads	45,324	D 4,251	8.6	D 2,610	5.4
LCL traffic	429	D 107	20.0	I 25	6.2
Total Cars Loaded	486,241	D 16,180	3.2	D 97	0.0
Corresponding week of 1978	502,421				

	1979	1978	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (40 weeks)	18,898,880	18,191,504	I 3.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
40 weeks cumulative	688.8	648.6	I 6.2
Week ended October 13	18.4	18.4	D 0.2
41 weeks cumulative	707.2	667.0	I 6.0

[1] The figures above include 12 railroads no longer considered Class I roads when the qualifying requirement for Class I companies was raised by the ICC from $10 million to $50 million in annual operating revenues as of January 1, 1978.

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WASHINGTON, October 25 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 20 totaled an estimated 18.5 billion ton-miles, 0.1 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 42 weeks of 1979 was an estimated 726 billion ton-miles, 5.9 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 20 totaled 489,377 cars, 3.0 percent below 1978, but 0.6 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.3 percent in the South, but down 4.1 percent in the East, and 4.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1978, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings showed an increase of 7,548 cars, or 7.1 percent, and grain loadings were up 3,370 cars, or 12.1 percent. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were down 4,922 cars, or 18.1 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 13 totaled 36,657 cars, down 4.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1978, and 64,918 trailers and/or containers, 1.1 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 41 weeks of the year was 1,472,697, 2.0 percent higher than last year, and 2,598,980 trailers and/or containers, up 4.2 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/20.[1]

	Loadings in Week ended October 20, 1979	Change from Corresponding Week 1978		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	31,321	I 3,370	12.1	D 2,502	7.4
Other farm products	6,197	D 1,726	21.8	I 893	16.8
Metallic ores	36,585	D 2,343	6.0	I 1,884	5.4
Coal	114,243	I 7,548	7.1	D 1,398	1.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,737	D 4,906	21.7	D 797	4.3
Nonmetallic minerals	15,847	D 916	5.5	D 273	1.7
Grain mill products	17,785	D 2,072	10.4	D 281	1.6
Food and kindred products	19,648	D 1,146	5.5	I 713	3.8
Primary forest products	22,020	D 521	2.3	I 1,049	5.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	11,327	D 1,598	12.4	D 478	4.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,973	D 793	3.6	D 182	0.9
Chemicals and allied products	28,355	D 771	2.6	I 972	3.5
Petroleum products	6,200	D 752	10.8	I 52	0.8
Stone, clay and glass products	19,172	D 1,106	5.5	D 418	2.1
Coke	6,730	D 651	8.8	I 110	1.7
Metals and products	18,576	I 781	4.4	I 1,159	6.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,326	D 4,922	18.1	I 724	3.4
Waste and scrap materials	13,858	D 414	2.9	I 54	0.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	13,216	I 140	1.1	I 368	2.9
All other carloads	46,873	D 2,118	4.3	I 1,528	3.4
LCL traffic	388	D 142	26.8	D 41	9.6
Total Cars Loaded	489,377	D 15,058	3.0	I 3,136	0.6
Corresponding week of 1978	504,435				

	1979	1978	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (41 weeks)	19,388,257	18,695,939	I 3.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
41 weeks cumulative	707.2	667.0	I 6.0
Week ended October 20	18.5	18.5	D 0.1
42 weeks cumulative	725.7	685.5	I 5.9

[1] The figures above include 12 railroads no longer considered Class I roads when the qualifying requirement for Class I companies was raised by the ICC from $10 million to $50 million in annual operating revenues as of January 1, 1978.

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WASHINGTON, November 1 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 27 totaled an estimated 18.6 billion ton-miles, 1.0 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 43 weeks of 1979 was an estimated 744 billion ton-miles, 5.7 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 27 totaled 491,197 cars, 4.4 percent below 1978, but 0.4 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 12.4 percent in the East, 0.8 percent in the South, and 0.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1978, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings totaled 117,112, the highest since the week ended November 11, 1978, and grain loadings were up by 3,627 cars, or 12.5 percent. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were down 6,383 cars, or 22.6 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 20 totaled 38,467 cars, up 1.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1978, and 68,220 trailers and/or containers, 4.2 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 42 weeks of the year was 1,511,164, 2.0 percent higher than last year, and 2,667,200 trailers and/or containers, up 4.2 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/27.[1]

	Loadings in Week ended October 27, 1979	Change from Corresponding Week 1978		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	32,563	I 3,627	12.5	I 1,242	4.0
Other farm products	6,110	D 1,833	23.1	D 114	1.8
Metallic ores	32,654	D 1,931	5.6	D 3,931	10.7
Coal	117,112	I 3,509	3.1	I 2,869	2.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,671	D 4,438	20.1	D 77	0.4
Nonmetallic minerals	17,577	I 1,701	10.7	I 1,720	10.8
Grain mill products	18,962	D 735	3.7	I 1,177	6.6
Food and kindred products	20,050	D 1,669	7.7	I 410	2.1
Primary forest products	21,580	D 775	3.5	D 443	2.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	11,286	D 1,966	14.8	D 43	0.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	22,018	I 21	0.1	I 1,045	5.0
Chemicals and allied products	28,105	D 1,265	4.3	D 251	0.9
Petroleum products	5,971	D 1,257	17.4	D 230	3.7
Stone, clay and glass products	19,702	D 884	4.3	I 529	2.8
Coke	5,790	D 1,510	20.7	D 939	14.0
Metals and products	17,577	D 2,160	10.9	D 991	5.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,920	D 6,383	22.6	D 412	1.8
Waste and scrap materials	13,280	D 1,274	8.8	D 575	4.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	13,175	D 325	2.4	D 41	0.3
All other carloads	47,667	D 2,777	5.5	I 816	1.7
LCL traffic	427	D 103	19.4	I 39	10.1
Total Cars Loaded	491,197	D 22,427	4.4	I 1,800	0.4
Corresponding week of 1978	513,624				

	1979	1978	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (42 weeks)	19,879,474	19,209,563	I 3.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
42 weeks cumulative	725.7	685.5	I 5.9
Week ended October 27	18.6	18.8	D 1.0
43 weeks cumulative	744.2	704.3	I 5.7

[1] The figures above include 12 railroads no longer considered Class I roads when the qualifying requirement for Class I companies was raised by the ICC from $10 million to $50 million in annual operating revenues as of January 1, 1978.

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WASHINGTON, November 8 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 3 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 1.8 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 44 weeks of 1979 was an estimated 763 billion ton-miles, 5.5 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 3 totaled 487,449 cars, 4.3 percent below 1978, and 0.8 percent lower that the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 6.1 percent in the East, 3.8 percent in the South, and 3.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1978, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings recorded a gain of 4,242 cars, or 3.8 percent, and loadings of grain were up 2,580 cars, or 8.8 percent. Loadings of motor vehicles and equipment were down 5,771 cars, or 20.6 percent. Fifteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 27 totaled 38,173 cars, down 2.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1978, and 68,495 trailers and/or containers, 2.3 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 43 weeks of the year was 1,549,337, 1.9 percent higher than last year, and 2,735,695 trailers and/or containers, up 4.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/3.[1]

	Loadings in Week ended November 3, 1979	Change from Corresponding Week 1978		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	31,856	I 2,580	8.8	D 707	2.2
Other farm products	5,656	D 2,523	30.8	D 444	7.3
Metallic ores	33,204	I 765	2.4	I 550	1.7
Coal	115,786	I 4,242	3.8	D 1,326	1.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,437	D 5,104	22.6	D 258	1.5
Nonmetallic minerals	15,532	D 930	5.6	D 2,042	11.6
Grain mill products	18,619	D 1,861	9.1	D 344	1.8
Food and kindred products	19,432	D 1,158	5.6	D 632	3.1
Primary forest products	20,836	D 1,352	6.1	D 735	3.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	11,228	D 1,874	14.3	D 67	0.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	22,187	I 402	1.8	I 169	0.8
Chemicals and allied products	28,523	D 355	1.2	I 413	1.5
Petroleum products	5,883	D 1,301	18.1	D 88	1.5
Stone, clay and glass products	19,062	D 1,207	6.0	D 644	3.3
Coke	5,695	D 1,930	25.3	D 100	1.7
Metals and products	19,640	D 397	2.0	I 2,060	11.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	22,247	D 5,771	20.6	I 329	1.5
Waste and scrap materials	13,829	D 587	4.1	I 563	4.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	13,169	D 592	4.3	D 6	0.0
All other carloads	47,236	D 2,895	5.8	D 475	1.0
LCL traffic	392	D 129	24.8	D 35	8.2
Total Cars Loaded	487,449	D 21,977	4.3	D 3,819	0.8
Corresponding week of 1978	509,426				

	1979	1978	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (44 weeks)	20,366,994	19,718,989	I 3.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
43 weeks cumulative	744.2	704.3	I 5.7
Week ended November 3	18.3	18.6	D 1.8
44 weeks cumulative	762.5	722.9	I 5.5

[1] The figures above include 12 railroads no longer considered Class I roads when the qualifying requirement for Class I companies was raised by the ICC from $10 million to $50 million in annual operating revenues as of January 1, 1978.

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WASHINGTON, November 16 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 10 totaled an estimated 18.1 billion ton-miles. 2.2 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 45 weeks of 1979 was an estimated 781 billion ton-miles, 5.3 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 10 totaled 479,741 cars, 5.1 percent below 1978, and 1.5 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 12.8 percent in the East, 0.1 percent in the South, and 1.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1978, 18 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, grain loadings recorded a gain of 4,461 cars, or 15.4 percent. Loadings of coal totaled 113,862, 2.8 percent below 1978. Loadings of motor vehicles and eqiupment were down 6,049 cars, or 21.8 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 3 totaled 38,124 cars, down 1.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1978, and 67,655 trailers and/or containers, 0.4 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 44 weeks of the year was 1,587,461, 1.8 percent higher than last year, and 2,803,350 trailers and/or containers, up 4.0 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/10.[1]

	Loadings in Week ended November 10, 1979	Change from Corresponding Week 1978		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	33,405	I 4,461	15.4	I 1,680	5.3
Other farm products	6,478	D 1,190	15.5	I 492	8.2
Metallic ores	31,494	D 4,514	12.5	D 840	2.6
Coal	113,862	D 3,271	2.8	D 1,890	1.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	17,326	D 3,474	16.7	D 250	1.4
Nonmetallic minerals	15,824	I 1,614	11.4	I 202	1.3
Grain mill products	19,055	D 943	4.7	I 482	2.6
Food and kindred products	18,869	D 775	3.9	D 354	1.8
Primary forest products	21,380	D 416	1.9	I 457	2.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	10,541	D 1,822	14.7	D 760	6.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,100	D 250	1.2	D 1,135	5.1
Chemicals and allied products	28,482	I 471	1.7	I 7	0.0
Petroleum products	6,051	D 492	7.5	I 135	2.3
Stone, clay and glass products	17,975	D 1,928	9.7	D 1,137	5.9
Coke	6,013	D 1,792	23.0	I 369	6.5
Metals and products	17,602	D 1,158	6.2	D 2,074	10.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,761	D 6,049	21.8	D 446	2.0
Waste and scrap materials	13,959	D 633	4.3	I 127	0.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	12,482	D 346	2.7	D 792	6.0
All other carloads	45,717	D 2,922	6.0	D 1,354	2.9
LCL traffic	365	D 152	29.4	D 20	5.2
Total Cars Loaded	479,741	D 25,581	5.1	D 7,101	1.5
Corresponding week of 1978	505,322				

	1979	1978	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (45 weeks)	20,846,128	20,222,760	I 3.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
44 weeks cumulative	762.5	722.9	I 5.5
Week ended November 10	18.1	18.5	D 2.2
45 weeks cumulative	780.6	741.3	I 5.3

[1] The figures above include 12 railroads no longer considered Class I roads when the qualifying requirement for Class I companies was raised by the ICC from $10 million to $50 million in annual operating revenues as of January 1, 1978.

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WASHINGTON, November 23 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 17 totaled an estimated 17.6 billion ton-miles, 2.7 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 46 weeks of 1979 was an estimated 798 billion ton-miles, 5.1 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 17 totaled 464,592 cars, 6.2 percent below 1978, and 3.2 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 16.4 percent in the East, 1.8 percent in the South, and 0.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1978, 17 of the 21 comodity groups were down. Of the four remaining, grain registered the largest increase, up 4,437 cars or 16.0 percent. Coal loadings totaled 107,829, down 3.7 percent from 1978. Eighteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 10 totaled 36,746 cars, down 2.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1978, and 63,918 trailers and/or containers, 2.3 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 45 weeks of the year was 1,624,207, 1.7 percent higher than last year, and 2,867,268 trailers and/or containers, up 3.9 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/17.[1]

	Loadings in Week ended November 17, 1979	Change from Corresponding Week 1978		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	32,093	I 4,437	16.0	D 1,318	3.9
Other farm products	6,442	D 572	8.2	D 39	0.6
Metallic ores	30,673	D 2,845	8.5	D 816	2.6
Coal	107,829	D 4,194	3.7	D 6,035	5.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	16,734	D 3,324	16.6	D 635	3.7
Nonmetallic minerals	14,806	I 1,098	8.0	D 1,009	6.4
Grain mill products	18,692	D 1,097	5.5	D 363	1.9
Food and kindred products	18,657	D 929	4.7	D 212	1.1
Primary forest products	21,013	D 1,183	5.3	D 372	1.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	10,518	D 1,788	14.5	D 11	0.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,478	I 337	1.6	I 380	1.8
Chemicals and allied products	27,768	I 210	0.8	D 721	2.5
Petroleum products	5,708	D 1,037	15.4	D 345	5.7
Stone, clay and glass products	17,556	D 1,676	8.7	D 422	2.3
Coke	5,978	D 1,354	18.5	D 36	0.6
Metals and products	17,179	D 2,917	14.5	D 432	2.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,965	D 7,832	28.2	D 1,792	8.2
Waste and scrap materials	13,877	D 675	4.6	D 77	0.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	12,504	D 808	6.1	I 22	0.2
All other carloads	44,734	D 4,440	9.0	D 967	2.1
LCL traffic	383	D 104	21.4	I 18	4.9
Total Cars Loaded	464,592	D 30,693	6.2	D 15,182	3.2
Corresponding week of 1978	495,285				

	1979	1978	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (46 weeks)	21,310,744	20,718,045	I 2.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
45 weeks cumulative	780.6	741.3	I 5.3
Week ended November 17	17.6	18.0	D 2.7
46 weeks cumulative	798.2	759.4	I 5.1

[1] The figures above include 12 railroads no longer considered Class I roads when the qualifying requirement for Class I companies was raised by the ICC from $10 million to $50 million in annual operating revenues as of January 1, 1978.

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WASHINGTON, November 29 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended November 24 totaled an estimated 15.2 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 47 weeks of 1979 was an estimated 813 billion ton-miles, 5.0 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended November 24 totaled 403,344 cars, 2.9 percent below 1978, and 13.2 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 3.3 percent in the West, but down 12.8 percent in the East, and 0.1 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1978, 16 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Of the five remaining, grain registered the largest increase, up 8,308 cars, or 37.2 percent, while nonmetallic minerals and metallic ores were up 17.1 percent and 4.1 percent respectively. Coal loadings were down 1.0 percent from 1978. Twenty of the 21 groups were down from the preceding non-holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 17 totaled 36,396 cars, down 3.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1978, and 64,081 trailers and/or containers, 0.7 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 46 weeks of the year was 1,660,578, 1.6 percent higher than last year, and 2,931,335 trailers and/or containers, up 3.8 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 11/24.[1]

	Loadings in Week ended November 24, 1979		Change from Corresponding Week 1978			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	30,624	I	8,308	37.2	D	1,468	4.6
Other farm products	5,792	D	16	0.3	D	653	10.1
Metallic ores	32,891	I	1,286	4.1	I	2,213	7.2
Coal	97,074	D	989	1.0	D	10,755	10.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,621	D	2,138	14.5	D	4,103	24.5
Nonmetallic minerals	14,180	I	2,066	17.1	D	636	4.3
Grain mill products	15,673	D	620	3.8	D	3,021	16.2
Food and kindred products	15,596	D	571	3.5	D	3,068	16.4
Primary forest products	16,513	I	197	1.2	D	4,500	21.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,898	D	1,398	15.0	D	2,620	24.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,118	I	621	3.2	D	1,360	6.3
Chemicals and allied products	23,790	D	671	2.7	D	3,972	14.3
Petroleum products	4,987	D	500	9.1	D	719	12.6
Stone, clay and glass products	14,858	D	1,575	9.6	D	2,698	15.4
Coke	5,708	D	1,909	25.1	D	269	4.5
Metals and products	14,756	D	3,087	17.3	D	2,424	14.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,308	D	7,418	34.1	D	5,660	28.3
Waste and scrap materials	10,816	D	951	8.1	D	3,098	22.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,328	D	832	8.2	D	3,176	25.4
All other carloads	35,519	D	1,799	4.8	D	9,253	20.7
LCL traffic	294	D	57	16.2	D	89	23.2
Total Cars Loaded	403,344	D	12,053	2.9	D	61,329	13.2
Corresponding week of 1978	415,397						

	1979	1978	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (47 weeks)	21,714,169	21,133,442	I	2.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
46 weeks cumulative	798.2	759.4	I	5.1
Week ended November 24	15.2	15.1	I	0.8
47 weeks cumulative	813.4	774.5	I	5.0

[1] The figures above include 12 railroads no longer considered Class I roads when the qualifying requirement for Class I companies was raised by the ICC from $10 million to $50 million in annual operating revenues as of January 1, 1978.

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WASHINGTON, December 6 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 1 totaled an estimated 17.8 billion ton-miles, 1.0 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 48 weeks of 1979 was an estimated 831 billion ton-miles, 4.9 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 1 totaled 469,957 cars, 4.7 percent below 1978, but 16.5 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.3 percent in the West, but down 14.6 percent in the East, and 1.8 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1978, 15 of the 21 commodity groups were down. Grain loadings were up 4,383 cars, or 14.8 percent, although coal was down 8,029 cars, or 7.0 percent. All of the 21 groups were up from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended November 24 totaled 28,897 cars, down 4.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1978, and 50,353 trailers and/or containers, 2.5 percent lower than last year. Both weeks included the Thanksgiving Day holiday.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 47 weeks of the year was 1,689,475 cars, 1.5 percent higher than last year, and 2,981,688 trailers and/or containers, up 3.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/1.[1]

	Loadings in Week ended December 1, 1979		Change from Corresponding Week 1978			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	34,081	I	4,383	14.8	I	3,429	11.2
Other farm products	6,730	I	131	2.0	I	933	16.1
Metallic ores	35,406	I	168	0.5	I	2,516	7.6
Coal	107,292	D	8,029	7.0	I	10,340	10.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,210	D	2,480	14.0	I	2,380	18.6
Nonmetallic minerals	15,607	I	1,669	12.0	I	1,444	10.2
Grain mill products	17,965	D	1,458	7.5	I	2,269	14.5
Food and kindred products	18,771	D	1,449	7.2	I	3,123	20.0
Primary forest products	21,151	I	141	0.7	I	4,649	28.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	10,006	D	2,414	19.4	I	2,118	26.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	22,190	I	637	3.0	I	2,058	10.2
Chemicals and allied products	29,406	D	177	0.6	I	5,648	23.8
Petroleum products	6,456	D	805	11.1	I	1,456	29.1
Stone, clay and glass products	17,474	D	1,462	7.7	I	2,637	17.8
Coke	6,312	D	966	13.3	I	560	9.7
Metals and products	18,578	D	1,817	8.9	I	3,850	26.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,313	D	6,545	25.3	I	5,003	35.0
Waste and scrap materials	12,873	D	994	7.2	I	2,073	19.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,662	D	22	0.2	I	2,334	25.0
All other carloads	43,122	D	1,570	3.5	I	7,676	21.7
LCL traffic	352	D	84	19.3	I	58	19.7
Total Cars Loaded	469,957	D	23,143	4.7	I	66,554	16.5
Corresponding week of 1978	493,100						

	1979	1978	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (48 weeks)	22,184,185	21,622,121	I	2.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
47 weeks cumulative	813.4	774.5	I	5.0
Week ended December 1	17.8	18.0	D	1.0
48 weeks cumulative	831.2	792.5	I	4.9

[1] The figures above include 12 railroads no longer considered Class I roads when the qualifying requirement for Class I companies was raised by the ICC from $10 million to $50 million in annual operating revenues as of January 1, 1978.

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WASHINGTON, December 13 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 8 totaled an estimated 18.1 billion ton-miles, 4.4 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 49 weeks of 1979 was an estimated 855 billion ton-miles, 5.6 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 8 totaled 472,045 cars, 1.4 percent below 1978, but 0.4 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 9.2 percent in the West, but down 13.1 percent in the East, and 2.7 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1978, 14 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, grain loadings were up 9,427 cars, or 36.8 percent and coal increased 1,384 cars, or 1.3 percent. Ten of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 1 totaled 35,392 cars, down 0.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1978, and 62,002 trailers and/or containers, 8.5 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 48 weeks of the year was 1,724,867 cars, 1.4 percent higher than last year, and 3,043,690 trailers and/or containers, up 3.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/8.[1]

	Loadings in Week ended December 8, 1979	Change from Corresponding Week 1978		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	35,027	I 9,427	36.8	I 950	2.8
Other farm products	6,213	D 1,201	16.2	D 527	7.8
Metallic ores	32,180	D 486	1.5	D 3,226	9.1
Coal	109,339	I 1,384	1.3	I 2,047	1.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,828	D 2,200	12.9	D 379	2.5
Nonmetallic minerals	14,014	I 352	2.6	D 1,592	10.2
Grain mill products	19,190	D 342	1.8	I 1,221	6.8
Food and kindred products	19,397	I 529	2.8	I 629	3.4
Primary forest products	21,361	I 18	0.1	I 210	1.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	10,063	D 1,908	15.9	I 53	0.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	22,081	I 987	4.7	D 109	0.5
Chemicals and allied products	28,476	I 628	2.3	D 928	3.2
Petroleum products	6,451	D 554	7.9	D 4	0.1
Stone, clay and glass products	17,097	D 877	4.9	D 379	2.2
Coke	5,847	D 1,586	21.3	D 465	7.4
Metals and products	17,151	D 2,909	14.5	D 1,422	7.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,647	D 4,958	18.6	I 2,336	12.1
Waste and scrap materials	13,527	D 884	6.1	I 659	5.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	12,228	D 72	0.6	I 566	4.9
All other carloads	45,656	D 1,555	3.3	I 2,510	5.8
LCL traffic	272	D 282	50.9	D 80	22.7
Total Cars Loaded	472,045	D 6,489	1.4	I 2,070	0.4
Corresponding week of 1978	478,534				

	1979	1978	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (49 weeks)	22,656,248	22,100,655	I 2.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
48 weeks cumulative	836.8 (Revised)	792.5	I 5.6
Week ended December 8	18.1	17.4	I 4.4
49 weeks cumulative	855.0	809.9	I 5.6

[1] The figures above include 12 railroads no longer considered Class I roads when the qualifying requirement for Class I companies was raised by the ICC from $10 million to $50 million in annual operating revenues as of January 1, 1978.

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WASHINGTON, December 21 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 15 totaled an estimated 17.8 billion ton-miles, 3.4 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 50 weeks of 1979 was an estimated 873 billion ton-miles, 5.5 percent above the comparable period of last year. With two weeks remaining in 1979, the total has already exceeded the high for any previous year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 15 totaled 467,551 cars, 1.3 percent above 1978, but 0.9 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 4.5 percent in the South, and 3.8 percent in the West, but down 4.8 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1978, 13 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings were up 17,984 cars, or 18.9 percent and grain increased 4,752 cars, or 17.4 percent. Thirteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 8 totaled 37,025 cars, down 1.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1978, and 64,948 trailers and/or containers, 0.5 percent higher than last.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 49 weeks of the year was 1,761,892 cars, 1.4 percent higher than last year, and 3,108,638 trailers and/or containers, up 3.5 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/15.[1]

	Loadings in Week ended December 15, 1979	Change from Corresponding Week 1978			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	32,038	I	4,752	17.4	D	2,989	8.5
Other farm products	5,052	D	1,323	20.8	D	1,161	18.7
Metallic ores	32,193	I	2,315	7.7	I	13	0.0
Coal	113,281	I	17,984	18.9	I	3,942	3.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,809	D	1,528	9.4	D	19	0.1
Nonmetallic minerals	14,348	I	602	4.4	I	334	2.4
Grain mill products	18,242	D	1,079	5.6	D	949	4.9
Food and kindred products	18,857	D	365	1.9	D	533	2.7
Primary forest products	21,446	I	550	2.6	I	85	0.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	10,207	D	2,008	16.4	I	144	1.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,459	I	866	4.2	D	629	2.8
Chemicals and allied products	28,252	I	1,315	4.9	D	223	0.8
Petroleum products	6,621	D	307	4.4	I	170	2.6
Stone, clay and glass products	16,626	D	1,301	7.3	D	470	2.7
Coke	5,352	D	1,823	25.4	D	495	8.5
Metals and products	16,537	D	3,508	17.5	D	614	3.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,663	D	4,778	18.8	D	984	4.5
Waste and scrap materials	13,548	D	1,245	8.4	I	2	0.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	12,685	I	14	0.1	I	483	4.0
All other carloads	45,089	D	3,059	6.4	D	565	1.2
LCL traffic	246	D	258	51.2	D	26	9.6
Total Cars Loaded	467,551	I	5,816	1.3	D	4,484	0.9
Corresponding week of 1978	461,735						

	1979	1978	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (50 weeks)	23,114,904	22,557,151	I	2.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
49 weeks cumulative	855.0	809.9	I	5.6
Week ended December 15	17.8	17.2	I	3.4
50 weeks cumulative	872.8	827.1	I	5.5

[1] The figures above include 12 railroads no longer considered Class I roads when the qualifying requirement for Class I companies was raised by the ICC from $10 million to $50 million in annual operating revenues as of January 1, 1978.

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WASHINGTON, January 2, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended December 22 totaled an estimated 17.6 billion ton-miles, 2.0 percent above the corresponding week of 1978, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 51 weeks of 1979 was an estimated 890 billion ton-miles, 5.5 percent above the comparable period of the preceding year.

Carloadings in the week ended December 22 totaled 459,567 cars, 1.0 percent below 1978, and 1.7 percent lower than the preceding week of 1979. Compared with 1979, loadings were up 0.8 percent in the South, and 2.9 percent in the West, but down 7.8 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1978, 15 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings were up 8,923 cars, or 8.7 percent and grain increased 7,775 cars, or 29.7 percent. Thirteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of 1979.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended December 15 totaled 36,939 cars, down 4.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1978, and 66,147 trailers and/or containers, virtually the same as in 1978.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 50 weeks of 1979 was 1,798,831 cars, 1.3 percent higher than 1978, and 3,174,785 trailers and/or containers, up 3.5 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/22.[1]

	Loadings in Week ended December 22, 1979	Change from Corresponding Week 1978		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	33,921	I 7,775	29.7	I 1,883	5.9
Other farm products	4,283	D 959	18.3	D 789	15.6
Metallic ores	29,229	D 3,225	9.9	D 2,964	9.2
Coal	111,205	I 8,923	8.7	D 2,076	1.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,225	D 2,532	17.2	D 2,576	17.4
Nonmetallic minerals	14,894	I 1,332	9.8	I 554	3.9
Grain mill products	18,571	D 860	4.4	I 330	1.8
Food and kindred products	19,774	I 821	4.3	I 912	4.8
Primary forest products	20,631	D 360	1.7	D 815	3.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	11,547	D 964	7.7	I 1,337	13.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	22,515	I 1,194	5.6	I 1,057	4.9
Chemicals and allied products	29,154	I 893	3.2	I 898	3.2
Petroleum products	6,264	D 784	11.1	D 357	5.4
Stone, clay and glass products	16,124	D 1,296	7.4	D 503	3.0
Coke	5,595	D 1,939	25.7	I 243	4.5
Metals and products	16,379	D 3,555	17.8	D 167	1.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,789	D 6,501	27.9	D 3,870	18.7
Waste and scrap materials	13,351	D 988	6.9	D 192	1.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	12,049	D 102	0.8	D 636	5.0
All other carloads	44,852	D 1,204	2.6	D 233	0.5
LCL traffic	215	D 216	50.1	D 31	12.6
Total Cars Loaded	459,567	D 4,547	1.0	D 7,995	1.7
Corresponding week of 1978	464,114				

	1979	1978	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (51 weeks)	23,570,389	23,017,369	I 2.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
50 weeks cumulative	872.8	827.1	I 5.5
Week ended December 22	17.6	17.3	I 2.0
51 weeks cumulative	890.4	844.4	I 5.5

[1] The figures include 12 railroads no longer considered Class I roads when the qualifying requirement for Class I companies was raised by the ICC from $10 million to $50 million in annual operating revenues as of January 1, 1978.

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1979 RAIL TRAFFIC HITS ALL-TIME HIGH

WASHINGTON, D.C., January 4, 1980 -- Freight traffic on U.S. railroads during 1979 totaled an estimated 902 billion ton-miles, a record high, and 5.2 percent above the previous record of 858 billion ton-miles reported in 1978, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Ton miles increased 6.8 percent in the East, 1.3 percent in the South and 5.8 percent in the West.

The largest gain was in the first quarter of 1979 when ton-miles increased 10.1 percent over the same period of 1978 which was severely depressed by adverse weather conditions and the United Mine Workers' (UMW) strike. The second quarter increase was 3.6 percent, reflecting a normalization of activities in 1978.

In the third quarter of 1979, ton-miles increased by 9.5 percent. Here again the comparison was distorted due to a lengthy strike in 1978 by the Brotherhood of Railway and Airline Clerks (BRAC) against the Norfolk and Western Railway which culminated in a 4-day shutdown of virtually every major railroad in the nation.

In the fourth quarter of 1979, ton-miles trailed the same quarter of 1978 by 0.7 percent, as the industry began to feel the impact of the economic downturn.

Carloadings for the year totaled 23,876,524, 2.2 percent above 1978. The greater increase in ton-miles than in carloadings stemmed from a continuation of the trend toward the retirement of smaller cars -- with the resultant increases in average load per car -- longer average hauls (particularly in western coal movements) and fluctuations in the commodity mix, with gains in shipments of freight forwarder traffic and chemicals and allied products, which produce higher than average ton-miles per car loaded.

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Coal traffic posted the largest gain of any major commodity in 1979 -- up 18.7 percent over 1978. This increase was attributable, to a great extent, to an increase of 108.8 percent in the first quarter, reflecting the UMW strike in 1978. Loadings of grain also recorded a significant gain, up 6.6 percent over 1978.

Other increases included metallic ores, up 3.2 percent; forwarder and shipper association traffic, up 3.0 percent; metals and products, up 1.8 percent; nonmetallic minerals, up 2.6 percent and chemicals and allied products, up 3.4 percent.

Motor vehicles and equipment was the biggest loser, down 11.0 percent. Crushed stone, gravel and sand and farm products other than grain also declined sharply.

Ton-miles for the holiday week ended December 29 totaled 12.0 billion, 5.0 percent below the corresponding holiday week of 1978. Carloadings were 9.5 percent lower than the previous year, and 33.4 percent below the preceding non-holiday week of 1979.

Piggyback revenue traffic for the week ended December 22 totaled 36,260 cars, down 3.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1978. Cumulative volume for the first 51 weeks of 1979 reached 1,835,091 cars, 1.2 percent above 1978.

Trailers and/or containers loaded totaled 64,228 in the December 22 week, up 0.6 percent over 1978. The cumulative total was 3,239,013, a 3.4 percent increase, and a new record.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for 52 weeks of 1979 and 1978.[1]

	1979	1978	Incr. or Decr. 1979 vs. 1978		
				Cars	Percent
Grain	1,428,170	1,340,254	I	87,916	6.6
Other farm products	222,713	243,543	D	20,830	8.6
Metallic ores	1,765,494	1,710,477	I	55,017	3.2
Coal	5,254,337	4,427,722	I	826,615	18.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	853,479	954,892	D	101,413	10.6
Nonmetallic minerals	783,067	763,137	I	19,930	2.6
Grain mill products	917,154	972,038	D	54,884	5.6
Food and kindred products	953,397	990,488	D	37,091	3.7
Primary forest products	1,054,916	1,086,117	D	31,201	2.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	596,620	648,859	D	52,239	8.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	1,096,595	1,093,814	I	2,781	0.3
Chemicals and allied products	1,488,167	1,439,191	I	48,976	3.4
Petroleum products	335,578	358,307	D	22,729	6.3
Stone, clay and glass products	943,730	962,252	D	18,522	1.9
Coke	359,676	375,384	D	15,708	4.2
Metals and products	983,835	966,396	I	17,439	1.8
Motor vehicles and equipment	1,122,309	1,261,174	D	138,865	11.0
Waste and scrap materials	713,116	711,617	I	1,499	0.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	642,103	623,665	I	18,438	3.0
All other carloads	2,341,234	2,400,254	D	59,020	2.5
LCL traffic	20,834	25,896	D	5,062	19.5
Total Cars Loaded	23,876,524	23,355,477	I	521,047	2.2

	1979	1978	% Change	
Revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
First Quarter	207.6	188.5	I	10.1
Second Quarter	238.3	230.4	I	3.6
Third Quarter	230.5	210.5	I	9.5
Fourth Quarter	226.0e	227.5	D	0.7
Year	902.4	858.1[2]	I	5.2

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[1] The figures include 12 railroads no longer considered Class I roads when the qualifying requirement for Class I companies was raised by the ICC from $10 million to $50 million in annual operating revenues as of January 1, 1978.

[2] Total for year is from a different source and will not reflect total of quarters.

Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 12/29.

	Loadings in Week ended December 29, 1979	Change from Corresponding Week 1978		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	20,628	I 486	2.4	D 13,293	39.2
Other farm products	2,648	D 1,217	31.5	D 1,615	37.9
Metallic ores	25,776	D 1,547	5.7	D 3,453	11.8
Coal	73,789	D 1,535	2.0	D 37,416	33.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	7,879	D 2,554	24.5	D 4,298	35.3
Nonmetallic minerals	12,821	I 905	7.6	D 2,084	14.0
Grain mill products	13,432	D 1,304	8.8	D 5,140	27.7
Food and kindred products	13,088	D 1,196	8.4	D 6,679	33.8
Primary forest products	10,874	D 1,324	10.9	D 9,757	47.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	5,641	D 2,418	30.0	D 5,910	51.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	13,436	I 345	2.6	D 9,080	40.3
Chemicals and allied products	23,581	D 686	2.8	D 5,571	19.1
Petroleum products	4,870	D 902	15.6	D 1,396	22.3
Stone, clay and glass products	11,963	D 2,322	16.3	D 4,160	25.8
Coke	5,881	D 1,646	21.9	I 286	5.1
Metals and products	12,789	D 3,680	22.3	D 3,606	22.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	6,934	D 3,441	33.2	D 9,876	58.8
Waste and scrap materials	7,581	D 1,781	19.0	D 5,763	43.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,110	D 1,219	14.6	D 4,939	41.0
All other carloads	25,293	D 4,759	15.8	D 19,567	43.6
LCL traffic	142	D 158	50.7	D 73	34.0
Total Cars Loaded	306,156	D 31,952	9.5	D 153,390	33.4
Corresponding week of 1978	338,108				

	1979	1978	% Change
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
Week ended December 29	12.0	12.6	D 5.0

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SETS RECORD 3RD STRAIGHT YEAR

WASHINGTON, January 11 -- Piggyback traffic on Class I U.S. railroads in 1979 established a record for the third consecutive year, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Piggyback carloadings totaled 1,857,705, up 0.9 percent over 1978. The number of trailers and containers carried reached 3,278,163, a 3.2 percent gain over the previous year.

TOFC/COFC loadings accounted for 7.8 percent of total rail carloadings in 1979 and was second only to coal -- the traditional leader -- as a source of railroad traffic.

Piggyback traffic for the holiday week ended December 29 totaled 22,614 cars, 15.3 percent below the corresponding holiday week of 1978, and 39,150 trailers and containers, 13.2 percent lower than 1978.

The AAR also reported that all freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 5 totaled 14.4 billion ton-miles, 13.1 percent above the corresponding week of 1979. Both weeks included the New Year's Day holiday.

Total carloadings on major railroads for the January 5 week were 368,685, up 9.8 percent from the comparable holiday week of 1979, and 20.5 percent higher than the preceding Christmas week. Compared with last year, loadings were up 7.1 percent in the South and 19.3 percent in the West, but down 1.0 percent in the East. Loadings of coal were up 18,056 cars, or 25.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and grain loadings were up 12,276 cars, or 66.0 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/5/80.

	Loadings in Week ended January 5, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	30,884	I	12,276	66.0	I	10,256	49.7
Other farm products	3,555	D	317	8.2	I	918	34.8
Metallic ores	26,476	I	2,800	11.8	I	694	2.7
Coal	87,807	I	18,056	25.9	I	14,018	19.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	10,554	I	1,115	11.8	I	2,676	34.0
Nonmetallic minerals	14,449	I	2,202	18.0	I	1,634	12.8
Grain mill products	15,146	I	167	1.1	I	1,714	12.8
Food and kindred products	14,456	D	81	0.6	I	1,370	10.5
Primary forest products	17,261	I	2,633	18.0	I	6,387	58.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,127	D	2,082	25.4	I	493	8.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	18,781	I	1,570	9.1	I	5,345	39.8
Chemicals and allied products	26,731	I	3,082	13.0	I	3,146	13.3
Petroleum products	5,922	D	165	2.7	I	1,053	21.6
Stone, clay and glass products	13,598	I	628	4.8	I	1,634	13.7
Coke	5,508	D	1,455	20.9	D	373	6.3
Metals and products	15,654	D	1,142	6.8	I	2,889	22.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	9,415	D	6,334	40.2	I	2,492	36.0
Waste and scrap materials	9,149	D	280	3.0	I	1,576	20.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	7,212	D	117	1.6	I	102	1.4
All other carloads	29,859	I	339	1.1	I	4,583	18.1
LCL traffic	141	D	120	46.0	D	1	0.7
Total Cars Loaded	368,685	I	32,775	9.8	I	62,606	20.5
Corresponding week of 1979	335,910						

	1980	1979	% Change	
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
Week ended January 5	14.4	12.7	I	13.1

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WASHINGTON, January 18, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 12 totaled an estimated 16.9 billion ton-miles, 6.7 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 2 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 31 billion ton-miles, 9.5 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 12 totaled 438,251 cars, 4.0 percent above 1979, and 18.9 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 5.6 percent in the South, and 7.2 percent in the West, but down 1.6 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 12 of the 21 commodity groups were down. However, coal loadings were up 22,412 cars, or 27.7 percent, and grain posted a gain of 4,171 cars, or 16.4 percent. Nineteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 5 totaled 23,557 cars, down 3.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 41,394 trailers and/or containers, 1.0 percent higher than last year. Both weeks included the New Year's Day holiday.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/12/80.

	Loadings in Week ended January 12, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	29,550	I 4,171	16.4	D 1,334	4.3
Other farm products	4,834	I 640	15.3	I 1,279	36.0
Metallic ores	26,805	I 789	3.0	I 329	1.2
Coal	103,418	I 22,412	27.7	I 15,611	17.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,038	I 1,610	14.1	I 2,484	23.5
Nonmetallic minerals	14,284	I 839	6.2	D 165	1.1
Grain mill products	19,238	D 109	0.6	I 4,092	27.0
Food and kindred products	18,632	D 951	4.9	I 4,176	28.9
Primary forest products	20,502	D 125	0.6	I 3,241	18.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,618	D 788	7.6	I 3,491	57.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,709	I 367	1.8	I 1,928	10.3
Chemicals and allied products	29,374	I 808	2.8	I 2,643	9.9
Petroleum products	6,587	D 791	10.7	I 665	11.2
Stone, clay and glass products	15,845	D 385	2.4	I 2,247	16.5
Coke	6,041	D 1,022	14.5	I 533	9.7
Metals and products	16,796	D 1,028	5.8	I 1,142	7.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,851	D 9,157	35.2	I 7,436	79.0
Waste and scrap materials	13,783	D 46	0.3	I 4,634	50.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,343	D 164	1.6	I 3,131	43.4
All other carloads	41,753	I 42	0.1	I 11,894	39.8
LCL traffic	250	D 145	36.7	I 109	77.3
Total Cars Loaded	438,251	I 16,967	4.0	I 69,566	18.9
Corresponding week of 1979	421,284				

	1980	1979	% Change
Totals Cars Loaded (2 weeks)	806,936	757,194	I 6.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
Week ended January 5	14.4	12.7	I 13.1
Week ended January 12	16.9	15.8	I 6.7
2 weeks cumulative	31.3	28.5	I 9.5

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WASHINGTON, January 24, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 19 totaled an estimated 17.0 billion ton-miles, 13.2 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 3 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 48 billion ton-miles, 10.8 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 19 totaled 444,610 cars, 10.6 percent above 1979, and 1.5 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 6.3 percent in the East, 3.9 percent in the South and 18.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 15 of the 21 commodity groups were up, with coal loadings posting a gain of 20,296 cars, or 24.7 percent, and grain showing an increase of 9,083 cars, or 43.1 percent. Fifteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 12 totaled 31,470 cars, up 0.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 57,964 trailers and/or containers, 5.8 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 2 weeks of the year was 55,027 cars, 1.5 percent lower than last year, and 99,358 trailers and/or containers, up 3.8 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/19/80.

	Loadings in Week ended January 19, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	30,138	I	9,083	43.1	I	588	2.0
Other farm products	4,834	I	189	4.1	D	3	0.0
Metallic ores	22,243	D	3,089	12.2	D	4,562	17.0
Coal	102,344	I	20,296	24.7	D	1,074	1.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,445	I	1,119	9.1	I	348	2.7
Nonmetallic minerals	14,447	I	1,406	10.8	I	175	1.2
Grain mill products	19,178	I	2,543	15.3	D	60	0.3
Food and kindred products	19,197	I	1,496	8.5	I	565	3.0
Primary forest products	20,798	D	25	0.1	I	291	1.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	10,687	D	778	6.8	I	1,064	11.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	22,232	I	2,380	12.0	I	1,530	7.4
Chemicals and allied products	29,279	I	1,665	6.0	D	92	0.3
Petroleum products	7,182	I	444	6.6	I	595	9.0
Stone, clay and glass products	16,095	I	786	5.1	I	248	1.6
Coke	6,444	D	542	7.8	I	403	6.7
Metals and products	18,514	I	1,744	10.4	I	1,723	10.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,295	D	5,757	25.0	I	452	2.7
Waste and scrap materials	14,378	I	1,739	13.8	I	608	4.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,376	I	3,436	43.3	I	1,033	10.0
All other carloads	44,269	I	4,607	11.6	I	2,552	6.1
LCL traffic	235	D	141	37.5	D	15	6.0
Total Cars Loaded	444,610	I	42,601	10.6	I	6,369	1.5
Corresponding week of 1979	402,009						

	1980	1979	% Change	
Totals Cars Loaded (3 weeks)	1,251,536	1,159,203	I	8.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
2 weeks cumulative	31.3	28.5	I	9.5
Week ended January 19	17.0	15.0	I	13.2
3 weeks cumulative	48.3	43.6	I	10.8

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WASHINGTON, January 31, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended January 26 totaled an estimated 17.4 billion ton-miles, 15.4 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 4 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 66 billion ton-miles, 12.0 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended January 26 totaled 450,285 cars, 11.3 percent above 1979, and 1.5 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. The increase over last year was attributable primarily to sharp gains in coal and grain traffic. Compared with last year, loadings were up 3.9 percent in the East, 5.7 percent in the South and 20.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 16 of the 21 commodity groups showed increases. Coal loadings were up 27,977 cars, or 36.9 percent, and grain traffic increased by 11,627 cars, or 54.9 percent. Thirteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 19 totaled 34,309 cars, up 19.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 62,438 trailers and/or containers, 24.2 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 3 weeks of the year was 89,859 cars, 6.4 percent higher than last year, and 162,578 trailers and/or containers, up 11.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 1/26/80.

	Loadings in Week ended January 26, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	32,803	I 11,627	54.9	I 2,722	9.0
Other farm products	4,669	I 584	14.3	D 155	3.2
Metallic ores	23,664	D 108	0.5	I 1,402	6.3
Coal	103,796	I 27,977	36.9	I 1,453	1.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,903	I 91	0.7	D 523	3.9
Nonmetallic minerals	14,151	I 1,223	9.5	D 263	1.8
Grain mill products	19,325	I 1,741	9.9	I 243	1.3
Food and kindred products	19,721	I 1,372	7.5	I 571	3.0
Primary forest products	21,052	I 1,366	6.9	I 256	1.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	11,304	D 556	4.7	I 656	6.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	22,138	I 2,645	13.6	I 356	1.6
Chemicals and allied products	28,941	I 2,045	7.6	D 286	1.0
Petroleum products	6,809	D 639	8.6	D 349	4.9
Stone, clay and glass products	16,210	I 211	1.3	I 186	1.2
Coke	6,793	I 115	1.7	I 349	5.4
Metals and products	18,336	I 245	1.4	D 130	0.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,230	D 5,825	24.2	I 927	5.4
Waste and scrap materials	13,888	I 889	6.8	D 491	3.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,538	I 374	3.4	I 162	1.4
All other carloads	43,746	I 431	1.0	D 467	1.1
LCL traffic	268	D 161	37.5	I 33	14.0
Total Cars Loaded	450,285	I 45,647	11.3	I 6,652	1.5
Corresponding week of 1979	404,638				

	1980	1979	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (4 weeks)	1,700,844	1,563,841	I 8.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
3 weeks cumulative	48.3	43.6	I 10.8
Week ended January 26	17.4	15.1	I 15.4
4 weeks cumulative	65.7	58.7	I 12.0

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WASHINGTON, February 7, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 2 totaled an estimated 16.7 billion ton-miles, 8.3 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 5 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 82 billion ton-miles, 11.2 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 2 totaled 434,978 cars, 5.7 percent above 1979, but 3.2 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.4 percent in the East, 0.9 percent in the South and 11.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 11 of the 21 commodity groups showed increases, led by coal loadings, up 19,089 cars, or 24.4 percent, and grain traffic which increased by 8,150 cars, or 38.5 percent. Fifteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended January 26 totaled 34,498 cars, up 3.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 62,367 trailers and/or containers, 7.0 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 4 weeks of the year was 124,357 cars, 5.7 percent higher than last year, and 224,945 trailers and/or containers, up 10.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/2/80.

	Loadings in Week ended February 2, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,326	I	8,150	38.5	D	3,476	10.6
Other farm products	4,561	I	572	14.3	D	104	2.2
Metallic ores	22,231	D	5,160	18.8	D	1,433	6.1
Coal	97,260	I	19,089	24.4	D	6,300	6.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,037	D	212	1.7	D	841	6.5
Nonmetallic minerals	13,470	I	487	3.8	D	671	4.7
Grain mill products	18,843	I	1,345	7.7	D	482	2.5
Food and kindred products	19,017	I	616	3.3	D	702	3.6
Primary forest products	19,704	D	358	1.8	D	1,348	6.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	11,056	D	303	2.7	D	237	2.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	22,427	I	2,495	12.5	I	291	1.3
Chemicals and allied products	29,016	I	1,099	3.9	I	84	0.3
Petroleum products	6,459	D	429	6.2	D	351	5.2
Stone, clay and glass products	14,962	D	554	3.6	D	1,251	7.7
Coke	6,636	D	120	1.8	D	29	0.4
Metals and products	19,114	I	773	4.2	I	1,100	6.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,894	D	4,886	20.5	I	660	3.6
Waste and scrap materials	13,244	I	470	3.7	D	499	3.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	12,250	I	732	6.4	I	712	6.2
All other carloads	44,222	D	302	0.7	I	517	1.2
LCL traffic	249	D	236	48.7	D	19	7.1
Total Cars Loaded	434,978	I	23,268	5.7	D	14,379	3.2
Corresponding week of 1979	411,710						

	1980	1979	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (5 weeks)	2,134,894	1,975,551	I	8.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
4 weeks cumulative	65.7	58.7	I	12.0
Week ended February 2	16.7	15.5	I	3.8
5 weeks cumulative	82.5	74.2	I	11.2

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WASHINGTON, February 15, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 9 totaled an estimated 16.8 billion ton-miles, 11.7 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 6 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 99 billion ton-miles, 11.3 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 9 totaled 433,346 cars, 8.2 percent above 1979, but 0.4 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 4.9 percent in the South, and 16.8 percent in the West, but down 0.9 percent in the East.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 12 of the 21 commodity groups showed increases, led by coal loadings, up 17,159 cars, or 22.1 percent, and grain traffic, which increased by 12,584 cars, or 63.6 percent. Eleven of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 2 totaled 36,170 cars, up 3.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 63,370 trailers and/or containers, 2.2 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 5 weeks of the year was 160,527 cars, 5.2 percent higher than last year, and 288,315 trailers and/or containers, up 8.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/9/80.

	Loadings in Week ended February 9, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	32,371	I	12,584	63.6	I	3,033	10.3
Other farm products	4,741	I	675	16.6	I	185	4.1
Metallic ores	25,265	I	1,822	7.8	I	3,034	13.6
Coal	94,848	I	17,159	22.1	D	2,412	2.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,085	D	474	3.8	I	59	0.5
Nonmetallic minerals	12,689	I	66	0.5	D	776	5.8
Grain mill products	18,898	I	1,168	6.6	I	53	0.3
Food and kindred products	19,040	I	1,356	7.7	I	48	0.3
Primary forest products	20,267	I	2,136	11.8	I	560	2.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	10,391	D	71	0.7	D	665	6.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,430	I	1,732	8.8	D	977	4.4
Chemicals and allied products	28,438	I	759	2.7	D	579	2.0
Petroleum products	6,812	D	257	3.6	I	353	5.5
Stone, clay and glass products	14,791	D	274	1.8	D	173	1.2
Coke	5,927	D	1,227	17.2	D	711	10.7
Metals and products	17,299	D	74	0.4	D	1,810	9.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,897	D	4,986	20.9	I	2	0.0
Waste and scrap materials	13,439	I	728	5.7	I	181	1.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,482	D	353	3.0	D	768	6.3
All other carloads	44,012	I	545	1.3	D	197	0.4
LCL traffic	224	D	237	51.4	D	25	10.0
Total Cars Loaded	433,346	I	32,777	8.2	D	1,585	0.4
Corresponding week of 1979	400,569						

	1980	1979	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (6 weeks)	2,568,193	2,376,120	I 8.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
5 weeks cumulative	82.5	74.2	I 11.2
Week ended February 9	16.8	15.1	I 11.7
6 weeks cumulative	99.3	89.2	I 11.3

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WASHINGTON, February 25, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 16 totaled an estimated 17.1 billion ton-miles, 11.3 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 7 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 116 billion ton-miles, 11.3 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 16 totaled 443,703 cars, 8.9 percent above 1979, and 2.4 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 6.5 percent in the East, 5.4 percent in the South, and 12.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 12 of the 21 commodity groups showed increases, led by coal loadings, up 24,734 cars, or 32.6 percent, and grain traffic, which increased by 10,147 cars, or 50.0 percent. Eighteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 9 totaled 34,243 cars, up 1.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 65,200 trailers and/or containers, 3.5 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 6 weeks of the year was 194,770 cars, 4.4 percent higher than last year, and 350,815 trailers and/or containers, up 7.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/16/80.

	Loadings in Week ended February 16, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	30,442	I 10,147	50.0	D 1,929	6.0
Other farm products	4,734	I 1,019	27.4	D 7	0.1
Metallic ores	22,056	D 1,045	4.5	D 3,209	12.7
Coal	100,533	I 24,734	32.6	I 5,685	6.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,461	D 349	2.7	I 376	3.1
Nonmetallic minerals	14,072	I 1,620	13.0	I 1,383	10.9
Grain mill products	18,924	I 1,313	7.5	I 26	0.1
Food and kindred products	19,560	I 1,176	6.4	I 520	2.7
Primary forest products	20,611	D 568	2.7	I 344	1.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	11,007	I 274	2.6	I 616	5.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,780	I 1,483	7.3	I 350	1.6
Chemicals and allied products	29,417	I 29	0.1	I 979	3.4
Petroleum products	6,959	D 265	3.7	I 147	2.2
Stone, clay and glass products	15,458	D 429	2.7	I 667	4.5
Coke	6,549	D 517	7.3	I 622	10.5
Metals and products	17,888	I 835	4.9	I 589	3.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,020	D 4,257	17.5	I 1,123	5.9
Waste and scrap materials	14,322	I 847	6.3	I 883	6.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,601	D 375	3.1	I 119	1.0
All other carloads	45,053	I 978	2.2	I 1,041	2.4
LCL traffic	256	D 228	47.1	I 32	14.3
Total Cars Loaded	443,703	I 36,422	8.9	I 10,357	2.4
Corresponding week of 1979	407,281				

	1980	1979	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (7 weeks)	3,011,896	2,783,401	I 8.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
6 weeks cumulative	99.3	89.2	I 11.3
Week ended February 16	17.1	15.4	I 11.3
7 weeks cumulative	116.4	104.6	I 11.3

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WASHINGTON, February 29, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended February 23 totaled an estimated 18.1 billion ton-miles, 18.0 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Washington's Birthday holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 8 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 135 billion ton-miles, 12.1 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended February 23 totaled 443,213 cars, 10.1 percent above 1979, but 0.1 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 10.1 percent in the East, 11.8 percent in the South, and 9.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 12 of the 21 commodity groups showed increases. Coal loadings increased by 26,649 cars, or 33.2 percent, and grain traffic was up 10,891 cars, or 55.6 percent. Fourteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 16 totaled 34,374 cars, down 0.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 62,579 trailers and/or containers, 1.5 percent higher than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 7 weeks of the year was 229,144 cars, 3.7 percent higher than last year, and 413,394 trailers and/or containers, up 6.4 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 2/23/80.

	Loadings in Week ended February 23, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	30,467	I 10,891	55.6	I 33	0.1
Other farm products	4,257	I 436	11.4	D 489	10.3
Metallic ores	21,578	D 3,240	13.1	D 478	2.2
Coal	106,925	I 26,649	33.2	I 6,392	6.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,098	I 1,295	11.0	I 622	5.0
Nonmetallic minerals	13,344	I 287	2.2	D 730	5.2
Grain mill products	18,258	I 1,094	6.4	D 664	3.5
Food and kindred products	18,139	I 894	5.2	D 1,425	7.3
Primary forest products	21,427	I 3,048	16.6	I 816	4.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	11,074	D 39	0.4	I 68	0.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,662	I 1,776	8.9	D 118	0.5
Chemicals and allied products	28,419	D 452	1.6	D 999	3.4
Petroleum products	6,446	D 161	2.4	D 513	7.4
Stone, clay and glass products	14,829	D 265	1.8	D 627	4.1
Coke	6,325	D 625	9.0	D 224	3.4
Metals and products	17,393	I 547	3.2	D 491	2.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,248	D 2,589	10.9	I 1,226	6.1
Waste and scrap materials	13,568	I 875	6.9	D 744	5.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,275	D 365	3.1	D 326	2.8
All other carloads	43,174	I 675	1.6	D 1,896	4.2
LCL traffic	307	D 123	28.6	I 51	19.9
Total Cars Loaded	443,213	I 40,608	10.1	D 516	0.1
Corresponding week of 1979	402,605				

	1980	1979	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (8 weeks)	3,455,184	3,186,006	I 8.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
7 weeks cumulative	116.4	104.6	I 11.3
Week ended February 23	18.1	15.3	I 18.0
8 weeks cumulative	134.5	119.9	I 12.1

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WASHINGTON, March 6, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 1 totaled an estimated 18.7 billion ton-miles, 13.8 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 9 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 153 billion ton-miles, 12.3 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 1 totaled 458,975 cars, 4.9 percent above 1979, and 3.6 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.6 percent in the East, 3.9 percent in the South, and 7.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 10 of the 21 commodity groups showed increases. Coal loadings were up 20,316 cars, or 23.6 percent, and grain traffic showed a gain of 8,585 cars, or 38.6 percent. Fifteen of the 21 groups were up over the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended February 23 totaled 33,249 cars, down 0.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 59,903 trailers and/or containers, 0.3 percent lower than last year. Both weeks included the Washington's Birthday holiday.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 8 weeks of the year was 262,393 cars, 3.2 percent higher than last year, and 473,297 trailers and/or containers, up 5.5 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/1/80.

	Loadings in Week ended March 1, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	30,821	I	8,585	38.6	I	357	1.2
Other farm products	4,164	I	243	6.2	D	98	2.3
Metallic ores	23,160	D	2,017	8.0	I	1,582	7.3
Coal	106,522	I	20,316	23.6	D	403	0.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,634	D	208	1.5	I	561	4.3
Nonmetallic minerals	14,286	I	357	2.6	I	925	6.9
Grain mill products	18,542	I	110	0.6	I	284	1.6
Food and kindred products	19,692	I	491	2.6	I	1,557	8.6
Primary forest products	21,139	D	303	1.4	D	288	1.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	11,803	I	560	5.0	I	729	6.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	22,470	I	1,674	8.0	I	805	3.7
Chemicals and allied products	30,800	I	560	1.9	I	2,381	8.4
Petroleum products	6,365	D	668	9.5	D	81	1.3
Stone, clay and glass products	16,219	D	759	4.5	I	1,390	9.4
Coke	7,063	D	261	3.6	I	740	11.7
Metals and products	19,317	D	97	0.5	I	1,919	11.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	21,099	D	4,325	17.0	D	141	0.7
Waste and scrap materials	14,065	I	62	0.4	I	467	3.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	12,283	D	1,381	10.1	I	1,008	8.9
All other carloads	45,233	D	1,162	2.5	I	2,083	4.8
LCL traffic	298	D	252	45.8	D	9	2.9
Total Cars Loaded	458,975	I	21,525	4.9	I	15,768	3.6
Corresponding week of 1979	437,450						

	1980	1979	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (9 weeks)	3,914,153	3,623,456	I	8.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
8 weeks cumulative	134.5	119.9	I	12.1
Week ended March 1	18.7	16.5	I	13.8
9 weeks cumulative	153.2	136.4	I	12.3

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WASHINGTON, March 13, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 8 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 6.5 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 10 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 172 billion ton-miles, 11.7 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 8 totaled 440,904 cars, 3.3 percent below 1979, and 3.9 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 2.7 percent in the West, but down 10.8 percent in the East, and 4.1 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 15 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, grain loadings were up 7,892 cars, or 36.2 percent, and coal traffic showed a gain of 2,412 cars, or 2.5 percent. Eighteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 1 totaled 34,680 cars, down 7.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 63,780 trailers and/or containers, 4.5 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 9 weeks of the year was 297,073 cars, 1.9 percent higher than last year, and 537,077 trailers and/or containers, up 4.2 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/8/80.

	Loadings in Week ended March 8, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,713	I	7,892	36.2	D	1,108	3.6
Other farm products	3,882	I	69	1.8	D	274	6.6
Metallic ores	24,845	D	4,803	16.2	I	1,685	7.3
Coal	100,126	I	2,412	2.5	D	6,396	6.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	11,953	D	3,173	21.0	D	1,708	12.5
Nonmetallic minerals	13,661	D	1,296	8.7	D	627	4.4
Grain mill products	17,963	I	291	1.6	D	579	3.1
Food and kindred products	19,184	I	703	3.8	D	514	2.6
Primary forest products	19,059	D	1,614	7.8	D	2,080	9.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	10,202	D	1,242	10.9	D	1,601	13.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,599	I	1,061	5.2	D	868	3.9
Chemicals and allied products	29,318	D	1,127	3.7	D	1,482	4.8
Petroleum products	6,072	D	705	10.4	D	293	4.6
Stone, clay and glass products	15,140	D	2,493	14.1	D	1,079	6.7
Coke	6,772	D	1,072	13.7	D	291	4.1
Metals and products	18,626	D	232	1.2	D	690	3.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,764	D	5,146	19.9	D	335	1.6
Waste and scrap materials	13,661	D	996	6.8	D	380	2.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	12,461	D	1,598	11.4	I	178	1.4
All other carloads	45,653	D	1,918	4.0	I	424	0.9
LCL traffic	250	D	263	51.3	D	48	16.1
Total Cars Loaded	440,904	D	15,250	3.3	D	18,066	3.9
Corresponding week of 1979	456,154						

	1980	1979	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (10 weeks)	4,355,052	4,079,610	I	6.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
9 weeks cumulative	153.2	136.4	I	12.3
Week ended March 8	18.3	17.2	I	6.5
10 weeks cumulative	171.5	153.6	I	11.7

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WASHINGTON, March 20, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 15 totaled an estimated 18.9 billion ton-miles, 6.4 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 11 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 190 billion ton-miles, 11.1 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 15 totaled 459,663 cars, 2.8 percent below 1979, but 4.2 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.8 percent in the West, but down 7.4 percent in the East, and 3.0 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 19 of the 21 commodity groups declined. Only grain loadings, which were up 8,268 cars, or 35.2 percent and coal, up 7,317 cars, or 7.0 percent, posted increases. Fourteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 8 totaled 35,631 cars, down 7.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 65,397 trailers and/or containers, 5.5 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 10 weeks of the year was 332,717 cars, 0.8 percent higher than last year, and 602,493 trailers and/or containers, up 3.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/15/80.

	Loadings in Week ended March 15, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1980			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,767	I	8,268	35.2	I	2,029	6.8
Other farm products	3,786	D	304	7.4	D	88	2.3
Metallic ores	24,531	D	2,740	10.0	D	314	1.3
Coal	111,216	I	7,317	7.0	I	11,090	11.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,677	D	1,559	10.2	I	1,766	14.8
Nonmetallic minerals	14,269	D	384	2.6	I	626	4.6
Grain mill products	17,972	D	111	0.6	I	9	0.1
Food and kindred products	19,180	D	43	0.2	I	4	0.0
Primary forest products	20,141	D	1,869	8.5	I	1,082	5.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	10,333	D	1,710	14.2	I	123	1.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,198	D	48	0.2	D	403	1.9
Chemicals and allied products	30,465	D	1,928	6.0	I	1,146	3.9
Petroleum products	6,323	D	707	10.1	I	250	4.1
Stone, clay and glass products	16,283	D	2,245	12.1	I	1,138	7.5
Coke	7,529	D	31	0.4	I	757	11.2
Metals and products	18,528	D	975	5.0	D	112	0.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,626	D	6,214	23.2	D	137	0.7
Waste and scrap materials	14,151	D	1,312	8.5	I	485	3.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,792	D	2,624	18.2	D	669	5.4
All other carloads	45,640	D	3,546	7.2	D	86	0.2
LCL traffic	256	D	284	52.6	I	6	2.4
Total Cars Loaded	459,663	D	13,049	2.8	I	18,702	4.2
Corresponding week of 1979	472,712						

	1980	1979	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (11 weeks)	4,814,772	4,552,322	I 5.8
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
10 weeks cumulative	171.5	153.6	I 11.7
Week ended March 15	18.9	17.8	I 6.4
11 weeks cumulative	190.4	171.3	I 11.1

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WASHINGTON, March 27, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 22 totaled an estimated 19.1 billion ton-miles, 6.4 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 12 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 210 billion ton-miles, 10.7 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended March 22 totaled 464,225 cars, 2.9 percent below 1979, but 1.0 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 1.0 percent in the West, but down 7.7 percent in the East, and 3.4 percent in the South.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 17 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, grain loadings, increased by 7,845 cars, or 33.2 percent and coal was up 6,914 cars, or 6.6 percent. Eleven of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 15 totaled 35,210 cars, down 9.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 63,869 trailers and/or containers, 8.2 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 11 weeks of the year was 367,927 cars, 0.2 percent lower than last year, and 666,362 trailers and/or containers, up 1.9 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/22/80.

	Loadings in Week ended March 22, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	31,507	I 7,845	33.2	D 240	0.8
Other farm products	3,729	D 372	9.1	D 56	1.5
Metallic ores	26,461	D 2,942	10.0	I 1,930	7.9
Coal	111,879	I 6,914	6.6	I 663	0.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,278	D 891	5.9	I 546	4.0
Nonmetallic minerals	15,175	I 548	3.7	I 893	6.3
Grain mill products	17,625	D 100	0.6	D 347	1.9
Food and kindred products	19,267	D 61	0.3	I 68	0.4
Primary forest products	20,047	D 891	4.3	D 94	0.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	10,395	D 1,759	14.5	I 72	0.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	22,300	I 648	3.0	I 1,101	5.2
Chemicals and allied products	30,084	D 3,472	10.3	D 383	1.3
Petroleum products	6,109	D 801	11.6	D 213	3.4
Stone, clay and glass products	15,556	D 3,654	19.0	D 726	4.5
Coke	7,301	D 151	2.0	D 228	3.0
Metals and products	18,998	D 1,262	6.2	I 488	2.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	20,520	D 6,585	24.3	D 114	0.6
Waste and scrap materials	14,016	D 1,499	9.7	D 130	0.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	12,294	D 1,913	13.5	I 502	4.3
All other carloads	46,337	D 3,478	7.0	I 728	1.6
LCL traffic	347	D 140	28.7	I 91	35.5
Total Cars Loaded	464,225	D 14,016	2.9	I 4,551	1.0
Corresponding week of 1979	478,241				

	1980	1979	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (12 weeks)	5,279,008	5,030,563	I 4.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
11 weeks cumulative	190.4	171.3	I 11.1
Week ended March 22	19.1	17.9	I 6.4
12 weeks cumulative	209.5	189.3	I 10.7

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WASHINGTON, April 3, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended March 29 totaled an estimated 18.8 billion ton-miles, 2.6 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 13 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 228 billion ton-miles, 10.0 percent above the comparable period of last year. This represents a record total for the first quarter.

Carloadings in the week ended March 29 totaled 460,715 cars, 6.0 percent below 1979, and 0.8 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 10.4 percent in the East, 4.1 percent in the South, and 3.6 percent in the West. Loadings in the West were affected by the Rock Island Railroad.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 17 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, grain loadings increased by 3,543 cars, or 14.7 percent, coal was up 6,137 cars, or 5.7 percent and nonmetallic minerals showed a gain of 1,072 cars, or 7.9 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 22 totaled 35,097 cars, down 10.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 63,742 trailers and/or containers, 8.8 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 12 weeks of the year was 403,034 cars, 1.2 percent lower than last year, and 730,231 trailers and/or containers, up 0.9 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 3/29/80.

	Loadings in Week ended March 29, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,691	I	3,543	14.7	D	3,827	12.1
Other farm products	3,554	I	194	5.8	D	185	4.9
Metallic ores	27,380	D	1,884	6.4	I	919	3.5
Coal	112,920	I	6,137	5.7	I	1,041	0.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,410	D	2,781	17.2	D	840	5.9
Nonmetallic minerals	14,600	I	1,072	7.9	D	580	3.8
Grain mill products	17,364	D	984	5.4	D	261	1.5
Food and kindred products	19,613	D	258	1.3	I	351	1.8
Primary forest products	19,293	D	2,180	10.2	D	754	3.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,628	D	3,430	26.3	D	769	7.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	22,914	D	225	1.0	I	616	2.8
Chemicals and allied products	30,341	D	2,797	8.4	I	256	0.9
Petroleum products	5,953	D	819	12.1	D	157	2.6
Stone, clay and glass products	15,931	D	3,395	17.6	I	379	2.4
Coke	6,758	D	1,748	20.6	D	543	7.4
Metals and products	20,083	D	1,547	7.2	I	1,088	5.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,743	D	8,408	29.9	D	788	3.8
Waste and scrap materials	14,212	D	1,866	11.6	I	185	1.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	12,821	D	1,933	13.1	I	527	4.3
All other carloads	46,284	D	5,718	11.0	D	31	0.1
LCL traffic	222	D	274	55.2	D	125	36.0
Total Cars Loaded	460,715	D	29,301	6.0	D	3,498	0.8
Corresponding week of 1979	490,016						

	1980	1979	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (13 weeks)	5,739,711	5,520,579	I	4.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
12 weeks cumulative	209.5	189.3	I	10.7
Week ended March 29	18.8	18.3	I	2.6
13 weeks cumulative	228.3	207.6	I	10.0

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WASHINGTON, April 10, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 5 totaled an estimated 16.5 billion ton-miles, 4.9 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. The 1980 week included the Good Friday holiday which fell later in 1979.

Cumulative volume for the first 14 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 245 billion ton-miles, 8.8 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 5 totaled 418,646 cars, 10.2 percent below 1979, and 9.1 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 15.0 percent in the East, 3.9 percent in the South, and 10.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 18 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, grain loadings increased by 2,260 cars, or 9.5 percent, coal was up 6,156 cars, or 6.3 percent and nonmetallic minerals showed a gain of 1,088 cars, or 8.8 percent. All of the 21 groups were down from the preceding non-holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended March 29 totaled 35,505 cars, down 10.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 64,939 trailers and/or containers, 9.1 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 13 weeks of the year was 438,529 cars, 2.0 percent lower than last year, and 795,170 trailers and/or containers, virtually the same as 1979.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/5/80.

	Loadings in Week ended April 5, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,169	I	2,260	9.5	D	1,580	5.7
Other farm products	3,101	D	330	9.6	D	458	12.9
Metallic ores	25,112	D	4,106	14.1	D	2,268	8.3
Coal	104,264	I	6,156	6.3	D	8,656	7.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,904	D	3,778	22.6	D	506	3.8
Nonmetallic minerals	13,497	I	1,088	8.8	D	1,103	7.6
Grain mill products	15,008	D	2,952	16.4	D	2,356	13.6
Food and kindred products	16,846	D	2,179	11.5	D	2,789	14.2
Primary forest products	18,051	D	2,317	11.4	D	1,242	6.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,465	D	3,768	30.8	D	1,163	12.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,753	D	1,614	7.2	D	2,150	9.4
Chemicals and allied products	27,538	D	5,720	17.2	D	2,803	9.2
Petroleum products	5,702	D	859	13.1	D	251	4.2
Stone, clay and glass products	15,093	D	3,995	20.9	D	838	5.3
Coke	5,993	D	2,261	27.4	D	765	11.3
Metals and products	18,463	D	3,605	16.3	D	1,620	8.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,997	D	8,513	34.7	D	3,747	19.0
Waste and scrap materials	12,502	D	2,350	15.8	D	1,709	12.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,362	D	1,390	10.9	D	1,459	11.4
All other carloads	41,629	D	7,063	14.5	D	4,664	10.1
LCL traffic	197	D	114	36.7	D	25	11.3
Total Cars Loaded	418,646	D	47,410	10.2	D	42,152	9.1
Corresponding week of 1979	466,056						

	1980	1979	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (14 weeks)	6,158,440	5,986,635	I	2.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
13 weeks cumulative	228.3	207.6	I	10.0
Week ended April 5	16.5	17.3	I	4.9
14 weeks cumulative	244.7	224.9	I	8.8

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WASHINGTON, April 17, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 12 totaled an estimated 17.5 billion ton-miles, 2.9 percent above the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 15 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 262 billion ton-miles, 8.4 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 12 totaled 445,059 cars, 3.9 percent below 1979, but 6.3 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 9.0 percent in the East, 1.1 percent in the South, and 1.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 18 of the 21 commodity groups declined. Coal loadings were up 11,484 cars, or 10.8 percent, and were the highest since the week ended June 8, 1967. Grain loadings were up 5,074 cars, or 21.8 percent, and nonmetallic minerals showed a gain of 1,186 cars, or 8.7 percent. Fifteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 5 totaled 32,962 cars, down 10.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 59,238 trailers and/or containers, 8.0 percent lower than last year. The 1980 week included the Good Friday holiday.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 14 weeks of the year was 471,491 cars, 2.7 percent lower than last year, and 854,408 trailers and/or containers, down 0.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/12/80.

	Loadings in Week ended April 12, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	28,371	I 5,074	21.8	I 2,202	8.4
Other farm products	3,429	D 25	0.7	I 328	10.6
Metallic ores	29,980	D 1,233	4.0	I 4,868	19.4
Coal	117,864	I 11,484	10.8	I 13,600	13.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,846	D 2,888	17.3	I 942	7.3
Nonmetallic minerals	14,889	I 1,186	8.7	I 1,392	10.3
Grain mill products	16,030	D 1,175	6.8	I 1,022	6.8
Food and kindred products	17,286	D 966	18.1	I 440	2.6
Primary forest products	18,360	D 1,542	5.3	I 309	1.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,851	D 4,138	7.7	D 614	7.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,423	D 1,328	34.5	D 330	1.6
Chemicals and allied products	28,390	D 3,003	6.1	I 852	3.1
Petroleum products	6,259	D 12	9.6	I 557	9.8
Stone, clay and glass products	15,611	D 2,417	0.2	I 518	3.4
Coke	6,971	D 874	13.4	I 978	16.3
Metals and products	18,043	D 2,813	11.1	D 420	2.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,274	D 4,628	13.5	I 277	1.7
Waste and scrap materials	13,251	D 551	22.1	I 749	6.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,622	D 2,648	4.0	D 740	6.5
All other carloads	41,119	D 5,260	20.0	D 510	1.2
LCL traffic	190	D 87	11.3	D 7	3.6
Total Cars Loaded	445,059	D 17,844	3.9	I 26,413	6.3
Corresponding week of 1979	462,903				

	1980	1979	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (15 weeks)	6,603,499	6,449,538	I 2.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
14 weeks cumulative	244.7	224.9	I 8.8
Week ended April 12	17.5	17.1	I 2.9
15 weeks cumulative	262.3	242.0	I 8.4

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WASHINGTON, April 24, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 19 totaled an estimated 17.7 billion ton-miles, 1.4 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 16 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 280 billion ton-miles, 7.7 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 19 totaled 450,304 cars, 7.0 percent below 1979, but 1.1 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 10.3 percent in the East, 2.7 percent in the South, and 6.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 18 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, coal loadings totaled 115,916, up 4.0 percent over 1979. Grain loadings were up 5,166 cars, or 21.6 percent. Fourteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 12 totaled 30,982 cars, down 15.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 57,266 trailers and/or containers, 10.4 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 15 weeks of the year was 502,473 cars, 3.5 percent lower than last year, and 911,674 trailers and/or containers, down 1.3 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/19/80.

	Loadings in Week ended April 19, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,129	I	5,166	21.6	I	772	2.7
Other farm products	3,501	D	273	7.2	I	72	2.1
Metallic ores	31,471	I	675	2.2	I	1,491	5.0
Coal	115,916	I	4,462	4.0	D	1,948	1.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,527	D	4,446	24.7	D	319	2.3
Nonmetallic minerals	15,097	D	332	2.2	I	208	1.4
Grain mill products	16,786	D	856	4.9	I	235	1.4
Food and kindred products	17,618	D	699	3.8	I	334	1.9
Primary forest products	18,493	D	2,336	11.2	I	133	0.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,930	D	4,484	36.1	I	105	1.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,413	D	1,426	6.5	D	4	0.0
Chemicals and allied products	27,599	D	4,898	15.1	D	828	2.9
Petroleum products	5,776	D	951	14.1	D	499	8.0
Stone, clay and glass products	15,892	D	3,868	19.6	I	288	1.8
Coke	6,347	D	1,809	22.2	D	624	9.0
Metals and products	18,454	D	4,456	19.5	I	406	2.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,834	D	6,765	27.5	I	1,566	9.6
Waste and scrap materials	14,322	D	235	1.6	I	1,093	8.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,936	D	2,273	17.2	I	314	3.0
All other carloads	43,076	D	3,645	7.8	I	1,941	4.7
LCL traffic	187	D	266	58.7	D	2	1.1
Total Cars Loaded	450,304	D	33,715	7.0	I	4,734	1.1
Corresponding week of 1979	484,019						

	1980	1979	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (16 weeks)	7,054,314	6,933,557	I	1.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
15 weeks cumulative	262.3	242.0	I	8.4
Week ended April 19	17.7	18.0	D	1.4
16 weeks cumulative	280.0	259.9	I	7.7

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WASHINGTON, May 1, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended April 26 totaled an estimated 17.9 billion ton-miles, 3.5 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 17 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 298 billion ton-miles, 7.0 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended April 26 totaled 454,688 cars, 9.0 percent below 1979, but 1.0 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 14.2 percent in the East, 2.7 percent in the South, and 8.6 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 17 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, coal loadings totaled 117,427, the second highest week since June 8, 1967, and up 6.9 percent over 1979. Thirteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 19 totaled 32,661 cars, down 13.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 59,368 trailers and/or containers, 10.7 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 16 weeks of the year was 535,134 cars, 4.2 percent lower than last year, and 971,042 trailers and/or containers, down 1.9 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 4/26/80.

	Loadings in Week ended April 26, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	25,183	I 20	0.1	D 3,946	13.5
Other farm products	3,934	I 412	11.7	I 433	12.4
Metallic ores	33,617	D 610	1.8	I 2,146	6.8
Coal	117,427	I 7,540	6.9	I 1,511	1.3
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,805	D 3,985	21.2	I 1,278	9.4
Nonmetallic minerals	15,632	I 419	2.8	I 535	3.5
Grain mill products	16,257	D 2,476	13.2	D 529	3.2
Food and kindred products	17,230	D 1,854	9.7	D 388	2.2
Primary forest products	19,000	D 957	4.8	I 507	2.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,245	D 4,940	37.5	I 315	4.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,778	D 987	4.5	I 365	1.8
Chemicals and allied products	29,778	D 3,109	9.5	I 2,179	7.9
Petroleum products	5,703	D 1,233	17.8	D 73	1.3
Stone, clay and glass products	15,971	D 4,296	21.2	I 77	0.5
Coke	6,269	D 1,088	14.8	D 78	1.2
Metals and products	18,381	D 5,916	24.3	D 73	0.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,206	D 10,031	35.5	I 372	2.1
Waste and scrap materials	14,110	D 1,322	8.6	D 212	1.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,167	D 2,661	19.2	I 231	2.1
All other carloads	42,784	D 7,581	15.1	D 291	0.7
LCL traffic	211	D 271	56.2	I 24	12.8
Total Cars Loaded	454,688	D 44,926	9.0	I 4,383	1.0
Corresponding week of 1979	499,614				

	1980	1979	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (17 weeks)	7,509,003	7,433,171	I 1.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
16 weeks cumulative	280.0	259.9	I 7.7
Week ended April 26	17.9	18.6	D 3.5
17 weeks cumulative	297.9	278.5	I 7.0

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WASHINGTON, May 9, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 3 totaled an estimated 18.0 billion ton-miles, 1.3 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 18 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 316 billion ton-miles, 6.5 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 3 totaled 457,944 cars, 7.2 percent below 1979, but 0.7 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 12.3 percent in the East, 2.8 percent in the South, and 5.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 17 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, coal loadings totaled 115,208, 5.5 percent higher than 1979. The largest decline was in motor vehicles and equipment, down 10,398 cars, or 37.9 percent. Fourteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended April 26 totaled 32,286 cars, down 19.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 59,281 trailers and/or containers, 17.0 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 17 weeks of the year was 567,420 cars, 5.2 percent lower than last year, and 1,030,323 trailers and/or containers, down 3.0 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/3/80.

	Loadings in Week ended May 3, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	23,896	D 386	1.6	D 1,280	5.1
Other farm products	4,597	I 901	24.4	I 664	16.9
Metallic ores	35,410	I 341	1.0	I 1,793	5.3
Coal	115,208	I 5,970	5.5	D 2,219	1.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,709	D 2,407	13.3	I 905	6.1
Nonmetallic minerals	16,732	I 1,682	11.2	I 1,111	7.1
Grain mill products	16,469	D 1,097	6.2	I 212	1.3
Food and kindred products	17,547	D 542	3.0	I 322	1.9
Primary forest products	19,884	D 1,597	7.4	I 884	4.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,642	D 4,129	32.3	I 398	4.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,898	D 332	1.5	I 1,119	5.4
Chemicals and allied products	30,152	D 1,363	4.3	I 367	1.2
Petroleum products	5,577	D 946	14.5	D 126	2.2
Stone, clay and glass products	15,716	D 4,192	21.1	D 268	1.7
Coke	5,499	D 1,884	25.5	D 772	12.3
Metals and products	18,629	D 5,223	21.9	I 207	1.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,071	D 10,398	37.9	D 1,133	6.2
Waste and scrap materials	14,528	D 406	2.7	I 466	3.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,279	D 2,498	18.1	I 112	1.0
All other carloads	43,302	D 6,903	13.7	I 521	1.2
LCL traffic	199	D 249	55.6	D 12	5.7
Total Cars Loaded	457,944	D 35,658	7.2	I 3,271	0.7
Corresponding week of 1979	493,602				

	1980	1979	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (18 weeks)	7,966,911	7,926,773	I 0.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
17 weeks cumulative	297.9	278.5	I 7.0
Week ended May 3	18.0	18.3	D 1.3
18 weeks cumulative	315.9	296.7	I 6.5

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WASHINGTON, May 15, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 10 totaled an estimated 17.8 billion ton-miles, 1.1 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 19 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 334 billion ton-miles, 6.0 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 10 totaled 443,749 cars, 8.6 percent below 1979, and 3.1 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 14.9 percent in the East, 2.1 percent in the South, and 7.3 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 16 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, coal loadings totaled 116,151, 6.4 percent higher than 1979, and carloadings of other farm products and nonmetallic minerals went up 26.6 percent and 6.8 percent, respectively. Fifteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 3 totaled 32,889 cars, down 15.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 59,933 trailers and/or containers, 11.9 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 18 weeks of the year was 600,309 cars, 5.8 percent lower than last year, and 1,090,256 trailers and/or containers, down 3.5 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/10/80.

	Loadings in Week ended May 10, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	25,562	I	26	0.1	I	1,666	7.0
Other farm products	4,772	I	1,003	26.6	I	175	3.8
Metallic ores	34,665	I	77	0.2	D	745	2.1
Coal	116,151	I	6,959	6.4	I	943	0.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,666	D	3,491	18.2	D	43	0.3
Nonmetallic minerals	15,821	I	1,001	6.8	D	911	5.4
Grain mill products	15,703	D	1,788	10.2	D	766	4.7
Food and kindred products	17,481	D	668	3.7	D	66	0.4
Primary forest products	20,308	D	672	3.2	I	424	2.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,934	D	4,850	37.9	D	708	8.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,276	D	1,601	7.3	D	1,622	7.4
Chemicals and allied products	26,961	D	3,163	10.5	D	3,191	10.6
Petroleum products	5,636	D	1,020	15.3	I	59	1.1
Stone, clay and glass products	16,130	D	3,754	18.9	I	414	2.6
Coke	5,049	D	1,793	26.2	D	450	8.2
Metals and products	15,955	D	5,023	23.9	D	2,674	14.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,944	D	11,120	41.1	D	1,127	6.6
Waste and scrap materials	12,429	D	1,676	11.9	D	2,099	14.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,427	D	2,442	19.0	D	852	7.6
All other carloads	40,708	D	7,323	15.2	D	2,594	6.0
LCL traffic	171	D	225	56.8	D	28	14.1
Total Cars Loaded	443,749	D	41,543	8.6	D	14,195	3.1
Corresponding week of 1979	485,292						

	1980	1979	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (19 weeks)	8,410,660	8,412,065	D	0.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
18 weeks cumulative	315.9	296.7	I	6.5
Week ended May 10	17.8	18.0	D	1.1
19 weeks cumulative	333.7	314.7	I	6.0

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WASHINGTON, May 22, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 17 totaled an estimated 17.7 billion ton-miles, 6.1 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 20 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 352 billion ton-miles, 5.4 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 17 totaled 440,945 cars, 10.8 percent below 1979, and 0.6 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 15.3 percent in the East, 6.3 percent in the South, and 10.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 19 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, coal loadings totaled 116,260 cars, 3.7 percent higher than 1979, and carloadings of other farm products went up 18.5 percent. Eleven of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 10 totaled 31,802 cars, down 16.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 57,932 trailers and/or containers, 14.3 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 19 weeks of the year was 632,111 cars, 6.4 percent lower than last year, and 1,148,188 trailers and/or containers, down 4.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/17/80.

	Loadings in Week ended May 17, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,963	D	1,684	6.3	D	599	2.3
Other farm products	4,961	I	776	18.5	I	189	4.0
Metallic ores	35,914	D	2,914	7.5	I	1,249	3.6
Coal	116,260	I	4,131	3.7	I	109	0.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,247	D	3,686	19.5	D	419	2.7
Nonmetallic minerals	12,991	D	2,444	15.8	D	2,830	17.9
Grain mill products	16,372	D	1,549	8.6	I	669	4.3
Food and kindred products	18,018	D	639	3.4	I	537	3.1
Primary forest products	19,805	D	1,365	6.4	D	503	2.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,474	D	4,324	33.8	I	540	6.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,921	D	893	4.1	I	645	3.2
Chemicals and allied products	25,363	D	3,662	12.6	D	1,598	5.9
Petroleum products	5,577	D	1,315	19.1	D	59	1.0
Stone, clay and glass products	15,471	D	4,800	23.7	D	659	4.1
Coke	5,664	D	1,784	24.0	I	615	12.2
Metals and products	16,420	D	4,309	20.8	I	465	2.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,706	D	12,108	45.2	D	1,238	7.8
Waste and scrap materials	12,391	D	2,111	14.6	D	38	0.3
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,259	D	2,237	17.9	D	168	1.6
All other carloads	40,994	D	6,485	13.7	I	286	0.7
LCL traffic	174	D	233	57.2	I	3	1.8
Total Cars Loaded	440,945	D	53,635	10.8	D	2,804	0.6
Corresponding week of 1979	494,580						

	1980	1979	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (20 weeks)	8,851,605	8,906,645	D	0.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
19 weeks cumulative	333.7	314.7	I	6.0
Week ended May 17	17.7	18.9	D	6.1
20 weeks cumulative	351.5	333.6	I	5.4

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WASHINGTON, May 30, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 24 totaled an estimated 17.7 billion ton-miles, 7.7 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 21 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 369 billion ton-miles, 4.6 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 24 totaled 439,813 cars, 12.4 percent below 1979, and 0.3 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 14.2 percent in the East, 10.5 percent in the South, and 12.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 19 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, coal loadings totaled 116,446 cars, 1.4 percent higher than 1979. The largest decline was in motor vehicles and equipment, down 44.4 percent. Ten of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 17 totaled 31,216 cars, down 14.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 55,619 trailers and/or containers, 13.5 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 20 weeks of the year was 663,327 cars, 6.8 percent lower than last year, and 1,203,807 trailers and/or containers, down 4.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/24/80.

	Loadings in Week ended May 24, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	24,104	D	2,943	10.9	D	859	3.4
Other farm products	4,814	I	224	4.9	D	147	3.0
Metallic ores	37,307	D	1,114	2.9	I	1,393	3.9
Coal	116,446	I	1,642	1.4	I	186	0.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,655	D	3,363	17.7	I	408	2.7
Nonmetallic minerals	13,961	D	2,365	14.5	I	970	7.5
Grain mill products	16,078	D	2,069	11.4	D	294	1.8
Food and kindred products	18,225	D	466	2.5	I	207	1.1
Primary forest products	18,372	D	2,903	13.6	D	1,433	7.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,770	D	4,031	31.5	I	296	3.5
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,038	D	753	3.5	I	117	0.6
Chemicals and allied products	25,133	D	4,112	14.1	D	230	0.9
Petroleum products	5,539	D	1,100	16.6	D	38	0.7
Stone, clay and glass products	14,791	D	5,080	25.6	D	680	4.4
Coke	5,308	D	2,339	30.6	D	356	6.3
Metals and products	16,072	D	5,652	26.0	D	348	2.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,826	D	11,847	44.4	I	120	0.8
Waste and scrap materials	11,753	D	3,001	20.3	D	638	5.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,259	D	2,178	17.5	-	0	-
All other carloads	41,170	D	8,364	16.9	I	176	0.4
LCL traffic	192	D	241	55.7	I	18	10.3
Total Cars Loaded	439,813	D	62,055	12.4	D	1,132	0.3
Corresponding week of 1979	501,868						

	1980	1979	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (21 weeks)	9,291,418	9,408,513	D	1.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
20 weeks cumulative	351.5	333.6	I	5.4
Week ended May 24	17.7	19.2	D	7.7
21 weeks cumulative	369.2	352.8	I	4.6

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WASHINGTON, June 5, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended May 31 totaled an estimated 15.9 billion ton-miles, 4.8 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Memorial Day holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 22 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 385 billion ton-miles, 4.2 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended May 31 totaled 392,222 cars, 11.3 percent below 1979, and 10.8 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 17.2 percent in the East, 5.2 percent in the South, and 10.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 20 of the 21 commodity groups declined with only coal loadings, up 8.7 percent, showing an increase. Nineteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding non-holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 24 totaled 31,680 cars, down 14.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 57,741 trailers and/or containers, 11.2 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 21 weeks of the year was 695,007 cars, 7.2 percent lower than last year, and 1,261,548 trailers and/or containers, down 4.9 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 5/31/80.

	Loadings in Week ended May 31, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent	
Grain	19,794	D	5,848	22.8	D	4,310	17.9	
Other farm products	4,068	D	134	3.2	D	746	15.5	
Metallic ores	32,399	D	7,921	19.6	D	4,908	13.2	
Coal	102,306	I	8,194	8.7	D	14,140	12.1	
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,547	D	3,532	20.7	D	2,108	13.5	
Nonmetallic minerals	14,004	D	965	6.4	I	43	0.3	
Grain mill products	15,071	D	776	4.9	D	1,007	6.3	
Food and kindred products	16,558	D	28	0.2	D	1,667	9.1	
Primary forest products	18,535	D	176	0.9	I	163	0.9	
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,051	D	2,396	22.9	D	719	8.2	
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,277	D	422	2.0	D	761	3.6	
Chemicals and allied products	22,782	D	2,940	11.4	D	2,351	9.4	
Petroleum products	4,962	D	897	15.3	D	577	10.4	
Stone, clay and glass products	13,347	D	4,768	26.3	D	1,444	9.8	
Coke	5,022	D	2,452	32.8	D	286	5.4	
Metals and products	14,379	D	6,000	29.4	D	1,693	10.5	
Motor vehicles and equipment	14,012	D	8,137	36.7	D	814	5.5	
Waste and scrap materials	9,961	D	2,287	18.7	D	1,792	15.2	
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,498	D	2,088	19.7	D	1,761	17.2	
All other carloads	34,496	D	6,070	15.0	D	6,674	16.2	
LCL traffic	153	D	167	52.2	D	39	20.3	
Total Cars Loaded	392,222	D	49,810	11.3	D	47,591	10.8	
Corresponding week of 1979	442,032							

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (22 weeks)	9,683,640	9,850,545	D	1.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
21 weeks cumulative	369.2	352.8	I	4.6
Week ended May 31	15.9	16.8	D	4.8
22 weeks cumulative	385.1	369.5	I	4.2

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WASHINGTON, June 12, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 7 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 2.8 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 23 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 408 billion ton-miles, 5.1 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 7 totaled 451,326 cars, 8.5 percent below 1979, but 15.2 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 13.5 percent in the East, 1.2 percent in the South, and 8.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 19 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, coal loadings totaled 121,232, the highest week since October 28, 1966. Twenty of the 21 groups were up from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended May 31 totaled 27,240 cars, down 14.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 49,088 trailers and/or containers, 10.4 percent lower than last year. Both weeks included the Memorial Day holiday.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 22 weeks of the year was 722,247 cars, 7.5 percent lower than last year, and 1,310,509 trailers and/or containers, down 5.1 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/7/80.

	Loadings in Week ended June 7, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	26,261	D	1,622	5.8	I	6,441	32.5
Other farm products	4,844	D	352	6.8	I	796	19.7
Metallic ores	38,093	D	1,795	4.5	I	5,803	18.0
Coal	121,232	I	9,532	8.5	I	18,920	18.5
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,984	D	3,531	18.1	I	2,438	18.0
Nonmetallic minerals	14,116	D	1,215	7.9	I	121	0.9
Grain mill products	16,712	D	1,278	7.1	I	1,639	10.9
Food and kindred products	17,779	D	298	1.6	I	1,248	7.5
Primary forest products	21,070	I	485	2.4	I	2,413	12.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,880	D	3,388	27.6	I	834	10.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	24,228	D	596	2.7	I	1,193	6.0
Chemicals and allied products	25,169	D	2,660	9.6	I	2,534	11.2
Petroleum products	5,681	D	1,172	17.1	I	698	14.0
Stone, clay and glass products	15,503	D	3,872	20.0	I	2,181	16.4
Coke	4,699	D	3,156	40.2	D	370	7.3
Metals and products	14,696	D	5,284	26.4	I	433	3.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,548	D	9,585	36.7	I	2,537	18.1
Waste and scrap materials	11,478	D	3,860	25.2	I	1,514	15.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,343	D	1,718	14.2	I	1,845	21.7
All other carloads	40,837	D	6,363	13.5	I	6,204	17.9
LCL traffic	173	D	217	55.6	I	20	13.1
Total Cars Loaded	451,326	D	41,945	8.5	I	59,442	15.2
Corresponding week of 1979	493,271						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (23 weeks)	10,134,628	10,343,816	D	2.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
22 weeks cumulative	389.9 (Revised)	369.5	I	5.5
Week ended June 7	18.3	18.8	D	2.8
23 weeks cumulative	408.2	388.4	I	5.1

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WASHINGTON, June 19, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 14 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 3.7 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 24 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 427 billion ton-miles, 4.7 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 14 totaled 450,284 cars, 9.0 percent below 1979, and 0.2 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 11.2 percent in the East, 3.6 percent in the South, and 10.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 18 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, coal loadings totaled 122,945, up 14.6 percent over 1979. Coal loadings in the past week were the highest since the week ended November 26, 1963. Ten of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 7 totaled 31,064 cars, down 14.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 56,471 trailers and/or containers, 10.0 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 23 weeks of the year was 753,306 cars, 7.8 percent lower than last year, and 1,366,956 trailers and/or containers, down 5.4 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/14/80.

	Loadings in Week ended June 14, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	27,461	D	3,232	10.5	I	1,200	4.6
Other farm products	4,588	D	709	13.4	D	256	5.3
Metallic ores	33,245	D	6,193	15.7	D	4,848	12.7
Coal	122,945	I	15,665	14.6	I	1,783	1.4
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,853	D	4,032	20.3	D	131	0.8
Nonmetallic minerals	16,273	I	27	0.2	I	2,157	15.3
Grain mill products	16,982	D	702	4.0	I	270	1.6
Food and kindred products	18,027	I	278	1.6	I	248	1.4
Primary forest products	20,794	D	1,148	5.2	D	276	1.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,598	D	3,977	31.6	D	282	3.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,676	D	1,420	6.4	D	552	2.6
Chemicals and allied products	25,597	D	3,210	11.1	I	428	1.7
Petroleum products	5,579	D	878	13.6	D	102	1.8
Stone, clay and glass products	15,347	D	4,738	23.6	D	156	1.0
Coke	4,730	D	2,871	37.8	I	31	0.7
Metals and products	14,845	D	4,556	23.5	I	149	1.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,128	D	9,111	36.1	D	420	2.5
Waste and scrap materials	11,257	D	4,215	27.2	D	221	1.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,919	D	2,698	21.4	D	424	4.1
All other carloads	41,256	D	6,596	13.8	I	419	1.0
LCL traffic	184	D	186	50.3	I	11	6.4
Total Cars Loaded	450,284	D	44,502	9.0	D	1,042	0.2
Corresponding week of 1979	494,786						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (24 weeks)	10,584,912	10,838,602	D	2.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
23 weeks cumulative	408.2	388.4	I	5.1
Week ended June 14	18.3	19.0	D	3.7
24 weeks cumulative	426.5	407.4	I	4.7

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WASHINGTON, June 26, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended June 21 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 4.2 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 25 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 445 billion ton-miles, 4.3 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended June 21 totaled 448,567 cars, 10.8 percent below 1979, and 0.4 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 17.0 percent in the East, 4.0 percent in the South, and 10.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 19 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, coal loadings totaled 120,431, up 11.0 percent over 1979. Thirteen of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 14 totaled 31,740 cars, down 15.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 58,758 trailers and/or containers, 10.1 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 24 weeks of the year was 785,046 cars, 8.1 percent lower than last year, and 1,425,714 trailers and/or containers, down 5.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/21/80.

	Loadings in Week ended June 21, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,318	D	2,260	7.2	I	1,857	6.8
Other farm products	4,692	D	769	14.1	I	104	2.3
Metallic ores	35,017	D	7,528	17.7	I	1,772	5.3
Coal	120,431	I	11,923	11.0	D	2,514	2.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,002	D	3,991	21.0	D	851	5.4
Nonmetallic minerals	17,261	I	668	4.0	I	988	6.1
Grain mill products	16,358	D	1,689	9.4	D	624	3.7
Food and kindred products	17,976	D	852	4.5	D	51	0.3
Primary forest products	20,697	D	1,093	5.0	D	97	0.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,105	D	4,021	30.6	I	507	5.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,582	D	1,911	8.5	D	94	0.5
Chemicals and allied products	25,077	D	2,657	9.6	D	520	2.0
Petroleum products	5,377	D	1,293	19.4	D	202	3.6
Stone, clay and glass products	14,736	D	5,537	27.3	D	611	4.0
Coke	4,754	D	2,766	36.8	I	24	0.5
Metals and products	14,123	D	6,491	31.5	D	722	4.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,850	D	7,776	32.9	D	278	1.7
Waste and scrap materials	10,582	D	4,608	30.3	D	675	6.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,336	D	3,120	23.2	I	417	4.2
All other carloads	41,097	D	8,243	16.7	D	159	0.4
LCL traffic	196	D	298	60.3	I	12	6.5
Total Cars Loaded	448,567	D	54,312	10.8	D	1,717	0.4
Corresponding week of 1979	502,879						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (25 weeks)	11,033,479	11,341,481	D	2.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
24 weeks cumulative	426.5	407.4	I	4.7
Week ended June 21	18.3	19.1	D	4.2
25 weeks cumulative	444.8	426.5	I	4.3

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SIX-MONTH RAIL TRAFFIC
REFLECTS IMPACT OF RECESSION

WASHINGTON, July 3, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U. S. railroads during the first half of 1980 totaled an estimated 463 billion ton-miles, 3.8 percent above the comparable period of 1979, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

After posting a 9.7 percent ton-mile gain over the first quarter of last year in the first three months of 1980, estimated ton-miles in the second quarter trailed 1979 by 3.9 percent.

Carloadings during the first six months of the year totaled 11,482,950, 3.1 percent lower than in 1979. Compared with last year, 16 of the 21 commodity groups declined as a result of the economic slump. However, coal loadings for the 6-month period totaled 2,843,146 cars, 12.8 percent higher than the first half of 1979 and the highest of any comparable period since 1957. Loadings of grain posted a 17.5 percent gain due to a strong first quarter. For the second quarter, grain loadings were 1.6 percent lower than in 1979.

The sharpest decline during the six-month period was in motor vehicles and equipment, down 29.9 percent from 1979. Seven other major commodity groups had declines in excess of 10 percent. Piggyback traffic, after 25 weeks, was 8.6 percent below the 1979 level.

Ton-miles for the week ended June 28 totaled 18.4 billion, 7.7 percent below the corresponding week of 1979. Total carloadings were 12.0 percent lower than the previous year, although loadings of coal posted an 8.6 percent gain.

Piggyback

Piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 21 totaled 31,484 cars, down 18.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 58,469 trailers and/or containers, 15.0 percent lower than last year.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 6/28/80:

	Loadings in Week ended June 28, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	30,291	I	44	0.1	I	973	3.3
Other farm products	4,755	D	449	8.6	I	63	1.3
Metallic ores	33,839	D	7,096	17.3	D	1,178	3.4
Coal	117,333	I	9,318	8.6	D	3,098	2.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,986	D	5,075	25.3	D	16	0.1
Nonmetallic minerals	16,869	I	727	4.5	D	392	2.3
Grain mill products	17,215	D	1,307	7.1	I	857	5.2
Food and kindred products	18,689	D	891	4.6	I	713	4.0
Primary forest products	20,362	D	1,479	6.8	D	335	1.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,233	D	4,263	31.6	I	128	1.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,897	D	1,480	6.3	I	1,315	6.4
Chemicals and allied products	24,624	D	4,691	16.0	D	453	1.8
Petroleum products	5,420	D	1,548	22.2	I	43	0.8
Stone, clay and glass products	14,941	D	5,422	26.6	I	205	1.4
Coke	4,162	D	3,886	48.3	D	592	12.5
Metals and products	15,035	D	7,548	33.4	I	912	6.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	15,199	D	8,737	36.5	D	651	4.1
Waste and scrap materials	10,243	D	5,600	35.3	D	339	3.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,993	D	3,162	22.3	I	657	6.4
All other carloads	43,185	D	8,413	16.3	I	2,088	5.1
LCL traffic	200	D	258	56.3	I	4	2.0
Total Cars Loaded	449,471	D	61,216	12.0	I	904	0.2
Corresponding week of 1979	510,687						

	1980	1979	% Change	
Total Cars Loaded (26 weeks)	11,482,950	11,852,168	D	3.1
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
25 weeks cumulative	444.8	426.5	I	4.3
Week ended June 28	18.4	19.9	D	7.7
26 Weeks Cumulative	463.2	446.4	I	3.8

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for 26 weeks of 1980 and 1979:

	1980	1979		Incr. or Decr. vs. 1980	Incr. or Decr. vs. 1979
	Cars	Cars		Cars	Percent
Grain	737,983	628,305	I	109,678	17.5
Other farm products	111,359	107,453	I	3,906	3.6
Metallic ores	752,674	813,798	D	61,124	7.5
Coal	2,843,146	2,520,933	I	322,213	12.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	359,379	411,926	D	52,547	12.8
Nonmetallic minerals	379,977	372,136	I	7,841	2.1
Grain mill products	448,742	459,563	D	10,821	2.4
Food and kindred products	473,899	477,072	D	3,173	0.7
Primary forest products	515,160	530,882	D	15,722	3.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	243,721	308,436	D	64,715	21.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	552,067	550,005	I	2,062	0.4
Chemicals and allied products	724,636	769,703	D	45,067	5.9
Petroleum products	156,801	175,973	D	19,172	10.9
Stone, clay and glass products	399,384	469,033	D	69,649	14.8
Coke	156,032	193,732	D	37,700	19.5
Metals and products	449,588	519,130	D	69,542	13.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	452,201	645,422	D	193,221	29.9
Waste and scrap materials	334,215	367,294	D	32,879	9.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	285,128	322,522	D	37,394	11.6
All other carloads	1,100,929	1,197,704	D	96,775	8.1
LCL traffic	5,729	11,146	D	5,417	48.6
TOTAL Cars Loaded	11,482,950	11,852,168	D	369,218	3.1

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WASHINGTON, July 11, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 5 totaled an estimated 14.4 billion ton-miles, 7.4 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Independence Day Holiday and the beginning of the coal miners' holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 27 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 478 billion ton-miles, 3.4 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 5 totaled 345,206 cars, 14.8 percent below 1979, and 23.2 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 23.8 percent in the East, 11.8 percent in the South, and 10.7 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 17 of the 21 commodity groups declined. Twenty of the 21 groups were down from the preceding non-holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended June 28 totaled 32,745 cars, down 19.7 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 60,983 trailers and/or containers, 15.9 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 26 weeks of the year was 849,503 cars, 9.1 percent lower than last year, and 1,545,166 trailers and/or containers, down 6.4 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/5/80:

	Loadings in Week ended July 5, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	30,732	D	478	1.5	I	444	1.5
Other farm products	3,978	I	255	6.8	D	776	16.3
Metallic ores	28,658	D	11,804	29.2	D	5,180	15.3
Coal	69,270	I	711	1.0	D	48,063	41.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,293	D	4,592	27.2	D	2,653	17.8
Nonmetallic minerals	14,544	D	278	1.9	D	2,328	13.8
Grain mill products	13,878	D	873	5.9	D	3,337	19.4
Food and kindred products	14,964	I	6	0.0	D	3,710	19.9
Primary forest products	15,237	I	46	0.3	D	5,125	25.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	6,700	D	1,628	19.5	D	2,532	27.4
Pulp, paper and allied products	17,743	D	227	1.3	D	4,156	19.0
Chemicals and allied products	21,257	D	4,430	17.2	D	3,368	13.7
Petroleum products	4,463	D	1,635	26.8	D	957	17.7
Stone, clay and glass products	13,058	D	4,813	26.9	D	1,882	12.6
Coke	3,561	D	4,205	54.1	D	601	14.4
Metals and products	11,853	D	6,365	34.9	D	3,276	21.7
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,799	D	5,960	31.8	D	2,401	15.8
Waste and scrap materials	7,902	D	3,879	32.9	D	2,297	22.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,780	D	3,392	27.9	D	2,213	20.1
All other carloads	33,374	D	6,065	15.4	D	9,816	22.7
LCL traffic	162	D	288	64.0	D	38	19.0
Total Cars Loaded	345,206	D	59,894	14.8	D	104,265	23.2
Corresponding week of 1979	405,100						

	1980	1979	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (27 weeks)	11,828,156	12,257,268	D 3.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
26 weeks cumulative	463.2	446.4	I 3.8
Week ended July 5	14.4	15.6	D 7.4
27 weeks cumulative	477.6	462.0	I 3.4

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WASHINGTON, July 17, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 12 totaled an estimated 15.8 billion ton-miles, 7.8 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both periods included the second week of the coal miners' holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 28 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 493 billion ton-miles, 3.0 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 12 totaled 375,570 cars, 16.5 percent below 1979, but 8.7 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Grain loadings totaled 36,437, the third all-time high and the highest since the week ended January 19, 1973. Compared with last year, loadings were down 28.9 percent in the East, 14.3 percent in the South, and 9.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 19 of the 21 commodity groups declined. Seventeen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 5 totaled 26,515 cars, down 20.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 48,492 trailers and/or containers, 17.0 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 27 weeks of the year was 876,018 cars, 9.5 percent lower than last year, and 1,593,658 trailers and/or containers, down 6.8 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/12/80:

	Loadings in Week Ended July 12, 1980		Change From Corresponding Week 1979		Change From Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	36,437	I	4,593	14.4	I 5,696	18.5
Other farm products	4,689	I	920	24.4	I 702	17.6
Metallic ores	30,598	D	12,836	29.6	I 1,940	6.8
Coal	70,613	D	3,835	5.2	I 1,343	1.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,825	D	4,653	23.9	I 2,511	20.4
Nonmetallic minerals	17,009	D	316	1.8	I 2,467	17.0
Grain mill products	15,468	D	1,971	11.3	I 1,615	11.7
Food and kindred products	16,755	D	1,267	7.0	I 1,788	11.9
Primary forest products	18,965	D	1,937	9.3	I 3,728	24.5
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,342	D	4,273	36.8	I 643	9.6
Pulp, paper and allied products	16,995	D	3,368	16.5	D 757	4.3
Chemicals and allied products	24,208	D	3,840	13.7	I 2,947	13.9
Petroleum products	5,503	D	1,138	17.1	I 931	20.4
Stone, clay and glass products	14,739	D	4,961	25.2	I 1,679	12.9
Coke	3,871	D	3,797	49.5	I 310	8.7
Metals and products	12,118	D	6,406	34.6	I 274	2.3
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,575	D	7,012	35.8	D 231	1.8
Waste and scrap materials	9,116	D	5,302	36.8	I 1,201	15.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	8,683	D	2,940	25.3	D 97	1.1
All other carloads	34,912	D	9,374	21.2	I 1,523	4.6
LCL Traffic	149	D	248	62.5	D 13	8.0
Total Cars Loaded	375,570	D	73,961	16.5	I 30,200	8.7
Corresponding week of 1979	449,531					

	1980	1979	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (28 Weeks)	12,203,890	12,706,799	D 4.0
Estimated Revenue Ton-Miles (in billions):			
27 Weeks Cumulative	477.6	462.0	I 3.4
Week Ended July 12	15.8	17.1	D 7.8
28 Weeks Cumulative	493.4	479.1	I 3.0

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WASHINGTON, July 24, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 19 totaled an estimated 16.6 billion ton-miles, 6.2 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 29 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 510 billion ton-miles, 2.7 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 19 totaled 404,057 cars, 12.7 percent below 1979, but 7.6 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 20.4 percent in the East, 4.8 percent in the South, and 11.8 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 18 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, loadings of both grain and coal were up 5.2 percent over last year. Twelve of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 12 totaled 27,786 cars, down 20.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 49,955 trailers and/or containers, 19.5 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 28 weeks of the year was 903,804 cars, 9.8 percent lower than last year, and 1,643,613 trailers and/or containers, down 7.2 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/19/80:

	Loading in Week Ended July 19, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change From Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	32,645	I	1,601	5.2	D	3,752	10.3
Other farm products	4,397	I	836	23.5	D	278	5.9
Metallic ores	29,419	D	12,021	29.0	D	1,179	3.9
Coal	97,316	I	4,843	5.2	I	26,703	37.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,281	D	4,778	25.1	D	489	3.3
Nonmetallic minerals	16,234	D	208	1.3	D	777	4.6
Grain mill products	16,869	D	1,409	7.7	I	1,401	9.1
Food and kindred products	17,239	D	1,027	5.6	I	471	2.8
Primary forest products	19,955	D	1,404	6.6	I	990	5.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,506	D	3,486	29.1	I	1,166	15.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,106	D	2,742	12.6	I	2,111	12.4
Chemicals and allied products	23,465	D	4,256	15.4	D	739	3.1
Petroleum products	5,348	D	992	15.6	D	155	2.8
Stone, clay and glass products	14,787	D	4,578	23.6	I	50	0.3
Coke	4,098	D	3,309	44.7	I	227	5.9
Metals and products	12,407	D	6,180	33.2	I	308	2.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	11,588	D	5,429	31.9	D	990	7.9
Waste and scrap materials	9,570	D	4,997	34.3	I	456	5.0
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,387	D	2,806	23.0	I	704	8.1
All other carloads	37,298	D	6,089	14.0	I	2,361	6.8
LCL traffic	142	D	294	67.4	D	7	4.7
Total Cars Loaded	404,057	D	58,725	12.7	I	28,582	7.6
Corresponding week of 1979	462,782						

	1980	1979	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (29 Weeks)	12,607,852	13,169,581	D 4.3
Estimated Revenue Ton-Miles (in billions):			
28 Weeks Cumulative	493.4	479.1	I 3.0
Week Ended July 19	16.6	17.7	D 6.2
29 Weeks Cumulative	510.0	496.8	I 2.7

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WASHINGTON, July 31, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended July 26 totaled an estimated 17.2 billion ton-miles, 2.7 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 30 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 527 billion ton-miles, 2.5 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended July 26 totaled 421,762 cars, 9.9 percent below 1979, and 4.5 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 18.0 percent in the East, 4.9 percent in the South, and 7.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 18 of the 21 commodity groups declined. However, coal loadings increased by 9,857 cars or 9.8 percent, and grain posted a gain of 1,456 cars or 4.6 percent. Sixteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 19 totaled 28,901 cars, down 17.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 54,044 trailers and/or containers, 12.5 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 29 weeks of the year was 932,705 cars, 10.1 percent lower than last year, and 1,697,657 trailers and/or containers, down 7.4 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 7/26/80.

	Loadings in Week ended July 26, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	32,845	I 1,456	4.6	I 199	0.6
Other farm products	4,621	I 905	24.4	I 224	5.1
Metallic ores	27,990	D 11,165	28.5	D 1,429	4.9
Coal	110,796	I 9,857	9.8	I 13,560	14.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,843	D 4,983	25.1	I 562	3.9
Nonmetallic minerals	15,095	D 781	4.9	D 1,139	7.0
Grain mill products	17,093	D 1,259	6.9	I 609	3.7
Food and kindred products	17,098	D 590	3.3	D 141	0.8
Primary forest products	19,776	D 29	0.1	D 179	0.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,936	D 3,825	30.0	I 430	5.1
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,818	D 2,266	10.3	I 716	3.7
Chemicals and allied products	24,122	D 2,067	7.9	I 659	2.8
Petroleum products	5,479	D 698	11.3	I 179	3.4
Stone, clay and glass products	15,349	D 3,960	20.5	I 562	3.8
Coke	4,343	D 2,999	40.8	I 245	6.0
Metals and products	13,517	D 6,017	30.8	I 1,104	8.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	11,176	D 4,407	28.3	D 410	3.5
Waste and scrap materials	9,590	D 4,781	33.3	I 23	0.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,039	D 2,342	18.9	I 652	6.9
All other carloads	39,042	D 6,300	13.9	I 1,783	4.8
LCL traffic	194	D 306	61.2	I 52	36.6
Total Cars Loaded	421,762	D 46,557	9.9	I 18,261	4.5
Corresponding week of 1979	468,319				

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (30 weeks)	13,029,058	13,637,900	D	4.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
29 weeks cumulative	510.0	496.8	I	2.7
Week ended July 26	17.2	17.7	D	2.7
30 weeks cumulative	527.2	514.5	I	2.5

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WASHINGTON, August 7, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U. S. railroads during the week ended August 2 totaled an estimated 17.6 billion ton-miles, 2.5 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 31 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 545 billion ton-miles, 2.3 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 2 totaled 429,504 cars, 9.5 percent below 1979, but 1.8 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 17.5 percent in the East, 3.2 percent in the South, and 7.5 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of last year, 18 of the 21 commodity groups were down, although coal loadings were up 7,389 cars, or 7.0 percent, and grain showed an increase of 5,220 cars, or 17.4 percent. Thirteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended July 26 totaled 30,167 cars, down 14.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 56,326 trailers and/or containers, 9.0 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 30 weeks of the year was 962,872 cars, 10.2 percent lower than last year, and 1,753,983 trailers and/or containers, down 7.4 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/2/80.

	Loadings in Week ended August 2, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	35,263	I	5,220	17.4	I	2,418	7.4
Other farm products	4,222	I	815	23.9	D	399	8.6
Metallic ores	27,987	D	13,525	32.6	D	3	0.0
Coal	112,907	I	7,389	7.0	I	2,111	1.9
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,026	D	4,718	23.9	I	183	1.2
Nonmetallic minerals	14,916	D	1,588	9.6	D	179	1.2
Grain mill products	16,464	D	1,208	6.8	D	629	3.7
Food and kindred products	18,225	D	75	0.4	I	1,127	6.6
Primary forest products	20,438	D	77	0.4	I	662	3.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,372	D	3,151	25.2	I	436	4.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,617	D	1,777	7.9	I	799	4.0
Chemicals and allied products	24,639	D	2,690	9.8	I	517	2.1
Petroleum products	5,218	D	1,338	20.4	D	261	4.8
Stone, clay and glass products	15,308	D	3,971	20.6	D	41	0.3
Coke	4,018	D	3,144	43.9	D	325	7.5
Metals and products	14,765	D	4,922	25.0	I	1,248	9.2
Motor vehicles and equipment	10,180	D	3,342	24.7	D	996	8.9
Waste and scrap materials	10,015	D	4,287	30.0	I	425	4.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,477	D	2,301	18.0	I	438	4.4
All other carloads	39,247	D	6,032	13.3	I	205	0.5
LCL traffic	200	D	252	55.8	I	6	3.1
Total Cars Loaded	429,504	D	44,974	9.5	I	7,742	1.8
Corresponding week of 1979	474,478						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (31 weeks)	13,458,562	14,112,378	D	4.6
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
30 weeks cumulative	527.2	514.5	I	2.5
Week ended August 2	17.6	18.1	D	2.5
31 weeks cumulative	544.8	532.6	I	2.3

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WASHINGTON, August 14, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 9 totaled an estimated 17.5 billion ton-miles, 0.5 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 32 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 562 billion ton-miles, 2.2 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 9 totaled 428,125 cars, 7.8 percent below 1979, and 0.3 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 14.8 percent in the East, 3.4 percent in the South, and 5.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 18 of the 21 commodity groups were down, although coal loadings were up 11,431 cars, or 10.8 percent, and grain showed an increase of 5,527 cars, or 19.3 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 2 totaled 30,514 cars, down 15.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 55,555 trailers and/or containers, 12.4 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 31 weeks of the year was 993,386 cars, 10.4 percent lower than last year, and 1,809,538 trailers and/or containers, down 7.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/9/80.

	Loadings in Week ended August 9, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	34,165	I	5,527	19.3	D 1,046	3.0
Other farm products	4,033	I	1,090	37.0	D 191	4.5
Metallic ores	28,306	D	12,420	30.5	I 319	1.1
Coal	117,227	I	11,431	10.8	I 4,320	3.8
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,686	D	4,358	22.9	D 350	2.3
Nonmetallic minerals	15,589	D	1,007	6.1	I 680	4.6
Grain mill products	16,576	D	1,047	5.9	I 102	0.6
Food and kindred products	17,796	D	131	0.7	D 427	2.3
Primary forest products	19,817	D	1,194	5.7	D 621	3.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,820	D	3,230	26.8	D 555	5.9
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,639	D	1,446	6.9	D 976	4.7
Chemicals and allied products	25,091	D	1,983	7.3	I 450	1.8
Petroleum products	5,269	D	1,021	16.2	I 51	1.0
Stone, clay and glass products	15,508	D	3,707	19.3	I 199	1.3
Coke	3,754	D	3,157	45.7	D 264	6.6
Metals and products	12,093	D	5,435	31.0	D 2,640	17.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	10,236	D	2,820	21.6	I 62	0.6
Waste and scrap materials	9,975	D	3,703	27.1	D 38	0.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,256	D	2,000	16.3	D 221	2.1
All other carloads	39,082	D	5,217	11.8	D 162	0.4
LCL traffic	207	D	211	50.5	I 7	3.5
Total Cars Loaded	428,125	D	36,039	7.8	D 1,301	0.3
Corresponding week of 1979	464,164					

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (32 weeks)	13,886,609	14,576,542	D	4.7
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
31 weeks cumulative	544.8	532.6	I	2.3
Week ended August 9	17.5	17.6	D	0.5
32 weeks cumulative	562.3	550.2	I	2.2

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WASHINGTON, August 21, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 16 totaled an estimated 17.5 billion ton-miles, 3.6 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 33 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 580 billion ton-miles, 2.0 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 16 totaled 428,943 cars, 10.3 percent below 1979, but 0.2 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 16.4 percent in the East, 5.2 percent in the South, and 9.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 18 of the 21 commodity groups were down, although coal loadings were up 6,396 cars, or 5.8 percent; grain showed an increase of 1,140 cars, or 3.8 percent; and other farm products were up 1,429 cars, or 52.9 percent. Fourteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 9 totaled 30,836 cars, down 11.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 56,571 trailers and/or containers, 8.2 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 32 weeks of the year was 1,024,229 cars, 10.4 percent lower than last year, and 1,866,121 trailers and/or containers, down 7.6 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/16/80:

	Loadings in Week ended August 16, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	31,462	I	1,140	3.8	D	2,675	7.8
Other farm products	4,131	I	1,429	52.9	I	89	2.2
Metallic ores	27,363	D	14,614	34.8	D	943	3.3
Coal	117,130	I	6,396	5.8	D	97	0 1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	13,553	D	5,395	28.5	D	1,165	7.9
Nonmetallic minerals	16,601	D	188	1.1	I	1,004	6.4
Grain mill products	16,667	D	1,143	6.4	I	91	0.5
Food and kindred products	18,299	D	262	1.4	I	507	2.8
Primary forest products	19,547	D	2,500	11.3	D	270	1.4
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,936	D	3,441	27.8	I	117	1.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,568	D	1,861	8.7	D	72	0.4
Chemicals and allied products	25,008	D	2,969	10.6	D	79	0.3
Petroleum products	5,404	D	901	14.3	I	135	2.6
Stone, clay and glass products	16,230	D	3,327	17.0	I	722	4.7
Coke	3,923	D	2,647	40.3	I	169	4.5
Metals and products	12,770	D	5,558	30.3	I	650	5.4
Motor vehicles and equipment	11,434	D	2,347	17.0	I	1,199	11.7
Waste and scrap materials	10,741	D	3,314	23.6	I	766	7.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,458	D	2,103	16.7	I	202	2.0
All other carloads	39,345	D	5,657	12.6	I	277	0.7
LCL traffic	373	D	19	4.8	I	166	80.2
Total Cars Loaded	428,943	D	49,281	10.3	I	793	0.2
Corresponding week of 1979	478,224						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (33 weeks)	14,315,559	15,054,766	D	4.9
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
32 weeks cumulative	562.3	550.2	I	2.2
Week ended August 16	17.5	18.2	D	3.6
33 weeks cumulative	579.9	568.4	I	2.0

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WASHINGTON, August 28, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 23 totaled an estimated 17.9 billion ton-miles, 2.8 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 34 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 598 billion ton-miles, 1.9 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 23 totaled 438,914 cars, 9.3 percent below 1979, but 2.4 percent higher than the preceding week of this year Compared with last year, loadings were down 17.1 percent in the East, 0.4 percent in the South, and 8.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 18 of the 21 commodity groups were down, although coal loadings were up 4,714 cars, or 4.2 percent; grain showed an increase of 3,332 cars, or 11.3 percent. Sixteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 16 totaled 30,546 cars, down 14.6 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 55,733 trailers and/or containers, 11.2 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 33 weeks of the year was 1,054,775 cars, 10.6 percent lower than last year, and 1,921,854 trailers and/or containers, down 7.7 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/23/80:

	Loadings in Week ended August 23, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	32,850	I	3,332	11.3	I	1,418	4.5
Other farm products	3,877	I	819	26.8	D	249	6.0
Metallic ores	27,951	D	14,108	33.5	I	588	2.1
Coal	117,366	I	4,714	4.2	I	236	0.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,685	D	4,455	23.2	D	190	1.3
Nonmetallic minerals	16,256	D	690	4.1	I	1,055	6.9
Grain mill products	17,141	D	499	2.8	I	468	2.8
Food and kindred products	18,532	D	722	3.7	I	242	1.3
Primary forest products	19,885	D	1,801	8.3	I	338	1.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,543	D	3,366	26.1	I	607	6.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,138	D	1,403	6.5	I	570	2.9
Chemicals and allied products	25,932	D	1,970	7.1	I	923	3.7
Petroleum products	5,444	D	1,071	16.4	I	40	0.7
Stone, clay and glass products	15,989	D	3,466	17.8	D	237	1.5
Coke	3,885	D	2,116	35.3	D	38	1.0
Metals and products	13,240	D	5,552	29.5	I	492	3.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,982	D	2,526	16.3	I	1,560	13.7
Waste and scrap materials	10,989	D	3,001	21.5	I	264	2.5
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,864	D	2,116	16.3	I	406	3.9
All other carloads	41,151	D	5,070	11.0	I	1,785	4.5
LCL traffic	214	D	204	48.8	D	159	42.6
Total Cars Loaded	438,914	D	45,271	9.3	I	10,119	2.4
Corresponding week of 1979	484,185						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (34 weeks)	14,754,325	15,538,951	D	5.0
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
33 weeks cumulative	579.9	568.4	I	2.0
Week ended August 23	17.9	18.4	D	2.8
34 weeks cumulative	597.8	586.8	I	1.9

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WASHINGTON, September 5, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended August 30 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 1.0 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 35 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 614 billion ton-miles, 1.4 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended August 30 totaled 446,394 cars, 8.9 percent below 1979, but 1.7 percent higher than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 16.3 percent in the East, 6.5 percent in the South, and 5.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 18 of the 21 commodity groups were down, although coal loadings were up 3,162 cars, or 2.8 percent, and grain showed an increase of 4,090 cars, or 14.0 percent. Fourteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 23 totaled 31,570 cars, down 14.0 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 57,151 trailers and/or containers, 11.7 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 34 weeks of the year was 1,086,345 cars, 10.7 percent lower than last year, and 1,979,005 trailers and/or containers, down 7.9 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 8/30/80:

	Loadings in Week ended August 30, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	33,205	I 4,090	14.0	I 322	1.0
Other farm products	3,651	I 507	16.1	D 252	6.5
Metallic ores	28,344	D 12,232	30.1	I 393	1.4
Coal	117,074	I 3,162	2.8	D 292	0.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,511	D 3,828	20.9	D 223	1.5
Nonmetallic minerals	15,407	D 1,531	9.0	D 848	5.2
Grain mill products	17,798	D 310	1.7	I 663	3.9
Food and kindred products	19,135	D 258	1.3	I 596	3.2
Primary forest products	19,630	D 1,481	7.0	D 255	1.3
Lumber and wood products except furniture	10,141	D 3,143	23.7	I 599	6.3
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,661	D 1,574	7.1	I 524	2.6
Chemicals and allied products	28,311	D 259	0.9	I 2,379	9.2
Petroleum products	5,442	D 814	13.0	D 2	0.0
Stone, clay and glass products	16,202	D 3,366	17.2	I 210	1.3
Coke	4,104	D 2,073	33.6	I 219	5.6
Metals and products	14,498	D 4,744	24.7	I 1,256	9.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,877	D 5,827	31.2	D 105	0.8
Waste and scrap materials	11,267	D 2,688	19.3	I 264	2.4
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,646	D 1,712	12.8	I 782	7.2
All other carloads	42,251	D 5,135	10.8	I 1,078	2.6
LCL Traffic	239	D 190	44.3	I 25	11.7
Total Cars Loaded	446,394	D 43,406	8.9	I 7,333	1.7
Corresponding week of 1979	489,800				

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (35 weeks)	15,200,866	16,028,751	D	5.2
Estimated Revenue Ton-Miles (in billions):				
34 weeks cumulative	595.3 (Revised)	586.8	I	1.4
Week ended August 30	18.3	18.4	D	1.0
35 weeks cumulative	613.5	605.2	I	1.4

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WASHINGTON, September 12, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 6 totaled an estimated 16.0 billion ton-miles, 0.6 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today. Both weeks included the Labor Day holiday.

Cumulative volume for the first 36 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 630 billion ton-miles, 1.3 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 6 totaled 389,295 cars, 7.5 percent below 1979, and 12.8 percent lower than the preceding non-holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 16.7 percent in the East, 2.3 percent in the South, and 4.1 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down, although coal loadings were up 6,959 cars, or 7.0 percent; and grain showed an increase of 4,415 cars, or 17.6 percent. All of the 21 groups were down from the preceding non-holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended August 30 totaled 33,355 cars, down 11.5 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 61,196 trailers and/or containers, 7.0 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 35 weeks of the year was 1,119,700 cars, 10.7 percent lower than last year, and 2,040,201 trailers and/or containers, down 7.8 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/6/80:

	Loadings in Week ended September 6, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	29,510	I	4,415	17.6	D	3,695	11.1
Other farm products	2,756	-	0	-	D	895	24.5
Metallic ores	26,765	D	11,985	30.9	D	1,579	5.6
Coal	106,366	I	6,959	7.0	D	10,708	9.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	12,545	D	3,193	20.3	D	1,966	13.5
Nonmetallic minerals	14,955	D	784	5.0	D	452	2.9
Grain mill products	15,235	I	702	4.8	D	2,563	14.4
Food and kindred products	16,010	D	237	1.5	D	3,125	16.3
Primary forest products	15,951	D	1,526	8.7	D	3,679	18.7
Lumber and wood products except furniture	7,182	D	2,369	24.8	D	2,959	29.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	17,810	D	767	4.1	D	2,851	13.8
Chemicals and allied products	23,145	D	2,478	9.7	D	5,166	18.2
Petroleum products	4,894	D	902	15.6	D	548	10.1
Stone, clay and glass products	15,082	D	1,174	7.2	D	1,120	6.9
Coke	3,612	D	2,867	44.3	D	492	12.0
Metals and products	11,896	D	5,294	30.8	D	2,602	17.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	12,088	D	4,859	28.7	D	789	6.1
Waste and scrap materials	9,133	D	1,962	17.7	D	2,134	18.9
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	9,573	D	891	8.5	D	2,073	17.8
All other carloads	34,643	D	2,260	6.1	D	7,608	18.0
LCL traffic	144	D	249	63.4	D	95	39.7
Total Cars Loaded	389,295	D	31,721	7.5	D	57,099	12.8
Corresponding week of 1979	421,016						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (36 weeks)	15,590,161	16,449,767	D	5.2
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
35 weeks cumulative	613.5	605.2	I	1.4
Week ended September 6	16.0	16.1	D	0.6
36 weeks cumulative	629.5	621.3	I	1.3

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WASHINGTON, September 18, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 13 totaled an estimated 18.0 billion ton-miles, 2.4 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 37 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 648 billion ton-miles, 1.2 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 13 totaled 451,838 cars, 6.9 percent below 1979, but 16.6 percent higher than the preceding holiday week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were up 0.7 percent in the South, but down 12.7 percent in the East, and 6.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 16 of the 21 commodity groups were down, although coal loadings were up 4,875 cars, or 4.2 percent; and grain showed an increase of 4,004 cars, or 13.7 percent. All of the 21 groups were up from the preceding holiday week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the holiday week ended September 6 totaled 27,945 cars, down 7.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 50,670 trailers and/or containers, 4.1 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 36 weeks of the year was 1,147,645 cars, 10.6 percent lower than last year, and 2,090,871 trailers and/or containers, down 7.7 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/13/80:

	Loadings in Week ended September 13, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	33,309	I	4,004	13.7	I	4,433	15.4
Other farm products	3,927	I	645	19.7	I	1,170	42.4
Metallic ores	26,906	D	15,037	35.9	I	140	0.5
Coal	120,125	I	4,875	4.2	I	14,416	13.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,274	D	2,756	15.3	I	2,711	21.6
Nonmetallic minerals	17,175	D	476	2.7	I	2,222	14.9
Grain mill products	18,014	I	626	3.6	I	2,819	18.6
Food and kindred products	18,789	D	177	0.9	I	2,811	17.6
Primary forest products	20,217	D	856	4.1	I	4,272	26.8
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,861	D	3,180	26.4	I	1,727	24.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,580	I	145	0.7	I	2,865	16.2
Chemicals and allied products	26,411	D	2,206	7.7	I	3,236	14.0
Petroleum products	6,106	D	60	1.0	I	1,222	25.0
Stone, clay and glass products	16,867	D	2,314	12.1	I	1,857	12.4
Coke	3,687	D	2,522	40.6	I	78	2.2
Metals and products	14,127	D	3,988	22.0	I	2,202	18.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,163	D	4,197	20.6	I	4,055	33.5
Waste and scrap materials	12,283	D	1,408	10.3	I	3,123	34.1
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	10,642	D	1,671	13.6	I	1,603	17.7
All other carloads	42,127	D	2,798	6.2	I	7,252	20.8
LCL traffic	248	D	30	10.8	I	104	72.2
Total Cars Loaded	451,838	D	33,381	6.9	I	64,318	16.6
Corresponding week of 1979	485,219						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (37 weeks)	16,040,224	16,934,986	D	5.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
36 weeks cumulative	629.5	621.3	I	1.3
Week ended September 13	18.0	18.4	D	2.4
37 weeks cumulative	647.5	639.7	I	1.2

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WASHINGTON, September 25, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 20 totaled an estimated 17.9 billion ton-miles, 2.4 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 38 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 665 billion ton-miles, 1.1 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 20 totaled 452,035 cars, 6.7 percent below 1979, and virtually the same as the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 9.9 percent in the East, 2.3 percent in the South, and 7.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down, although coal loadings were up 8,700 cars, or 7.9 percent; and grain showed an increase of 2,979 cars, or 9.9 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 13 totaled 32,262 cars, down 8.7 percent from the corresponding holiday week of 1979, and 58,405 trailers and/or containers, 5.1 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 37 weeks of the year was 1,179,907 cars, 10.6 percent lower than last year, and 2,149,276 trailers and/or containers, down 7.7 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/20/80:

	Loadings in Week ended September 20, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	33,181	I	2,979	9.9	D	128	0.4
Other farm products	4,259	I	614	16.8	I	332	8.5
Metallic ores	28,265	D	9,234	24.6	I	1,359	5.1
Coal	119,225	I	8,700	7.9	D	900	0.7
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,619	D	2,245	12.6	I	345	2.3
Nonmetallic minerals	16,262	D	1,061	6.1	D	913	5.3
Grain mill products	17,524	I	60	0.3	D	490	2.7
Food and kindred products	18,747	D	387	2.0	D	42	0.2
Primary forest products	19,025	D	1,568	7.6	D	1,192	5.9
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,322	D	3,270	26.0	I	461	5.2
Pulp, paper and allied products	20,647	D	632	3.0	I	67	0.3
Chemicals and allied products	26,734	D	1,349	4.8	I	323	1.2
Petroleum products	5,588	D	611	9.9	D	518	8.5
Stone, clay and glass products	16,008	D	3,581	18.3	D	859	5.1
Coke	4,308	D	1,741	28.8	I	621	16.8
Metals and products	14,851	D	3,791	20.3	I	724	5.1
Motor vehicles and equipment	16,934	D	4,230	20.0	I	771	4.8
Waste and scrap materials	12,475	D	1,473	10.6	I	192	1.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,075	D	3,319	23.1	I	433	4.1
All other carloads	41,722	D	6,344	13.2	D	405	1.0
LCL traffic	264	D	111	29.6	I	16	6.5
Total Cars Loaded	452,035	D	32,594	6.7	I	197	0.0
Corresponding week of 1979	484,629						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (38 weeks)	16,492,259	17,419,615	D	5.3
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
37 weeks cumulative	647.5	639.7	I	1.2
Week ended September 20	17.9	18.4	D	2.4
38 weeks cumulative	665.4	658.1	I	1.1

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WASHINGTON, October 3, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended September 27 totaled an estimated 17.9 billion ton-miles, 4.9 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 39 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 683 billion ton-miles, 0.9 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended September 27 totaled 451,308 cars, 8.6 percent below 1979, and 0.2 percent below the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 13.6 percent in the East, 1.4 percent in the South, and 9.0 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down, although coal loadings were up 3,062 cars, or 2.7 percent; and grain showed an increase of 2,803 cars, or 9.4 percent. Twelve of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 20 totaled 33,435 cars, down 15.4 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 59,258 trailers and/or containers, 14.9 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 38 weeks of the year was 1,213,342 cars, 10.7 percent lower than last year, and 2,208,534 trailers and/or containers, down 7.9 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 9/27/80:

	Loadings in Week ended September 27, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	32,507 I	2,803	9.4	D 674	2.0
Other farm products	4,415 I	792	21.9	I 156	3.7
Metallic ores	26,906 D	11,314	29.6	D 1,359	4.8
Coal	116,609 I	3,062	2.7	D 2,616	2.2
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	14,976 D	3,754	20.0	D 643	4.1
Nonmetallic minerals	15,946 I	197	1.3	D 316	1.9
Grain mill products	17,738 D	660	3.6	I 214	1.2
Food and kindred products	18,992 D	999	5.0	I 245	1.3
Primary forest products	19,256 D	1,423	6.9	I 231	1.2
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,390 D	3,154	25.1	I 68	0.7
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,603 D	1,559	6.7	I 956	4.6
Chemicals and allied products	27,134 D	2,508	8.5	I 400	1.5
Petroleum products	5,445 D	802	12.8	D 143	2.6
Stone, clay and glass products	16,449 D	2,739	14.3	I 441	2.8
Coke	4,019 D	2,111	34.4	D 289	6.7
Metals and products	15,580 D	3,824	19.7	I 729	4.9
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,461 D	4,628	21.0	I 527	3.1
Waste and scrap materials	12,023 D	2,140	15.1	D 452	3.6
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,485 D	2,358	17.0	I 410	3.7
All other carloads	43,126 D	5,156	10.7	I 1,404	3.4
LCL traffic	248 D	200	44.6	D 16	6.1
Total Cars Loaded	451,308 D	42,475	8.6	D 727	0.2
Corresponding week of 1979	493,783				

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (39 weeks)	16,943,567	17,913,398	D	5.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
38 weeks cumulative	665.4	658.1	I	1.1
Week ended September 27	17.9	18.8	D	4.9
39 weeks cumulative	683.3	676.9	I	0.9

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WASHINGTON, October 9, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 4 totaled an estimated 18.8 billion ton-miles, 2.6 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 40 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 702 billion ton-miles, 0.9 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 4 totaled 458,513 cars, 5.7 percent below 1979, but 1.6 percent above the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 7.3 percent in the East, 2.7 percent in the South, and 6.2 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 17 of the 21 commodity groups were down, although coal loadings were up 4,444 cars, or 3.9 percent; and grain loadings showed an increase of 3,611 cars, or 11.6 percent. Fifteen of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended September 27 totaled 33,512 cars, down 13.1 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 60,662 trailers and/or containers, 12.1 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 39 weeks of the year was 1,246,854 cars, 10.8 percent lower than last year, and 2,269,196 trailers and/or containers, down 8.0 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/04/80:

	Loadings in Week ended October 4, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week		
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	34,769	I	3,611	11.6	I	2,273	7.0
Other farm products	5,265	I	607	13.0	I	852	19.3
Metallic ores	28,506	D	9,298	24.6	I	1,600	5.9
Coal	117,789	I	4,444	3.9	I	1,180	1.0
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,171	D	2,118	12.3	I	182	1.2
Nonmetallic minerals	16,355	I	1,416	9.5	I	412	2.6
Grain mill products	17,632	D	266	1.5	D	106	0.6
Food and kindred products	18,225	D	475	2.5	D	766	4.0
Primary forest products	18,863	D	1,865	9.0	D	393	2.0
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,396	D	2,092	18.2	I	4	0.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	21,122	D	289	1.3	D	481	2.2
Chemicals and allied products	27,561	D	956	3.4	I	422	1.6
Petroleum products	5,529	D	832	13.1	I	84	1.5
Stone, clay and glass products	16,197	D	3,495	17.7	D	253	1.5
Coke	4,012	D	2,543	38.8	D	7	0.2
Metals and products	16,442	D	2,258	12.1	I	857	5.5
Motor vehicles and equipment	17,745	D	3,610	16.9	I	280	1.6
Waste and scrap materials	12,115	D	1,392	10.3	I	95	0.8
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	12,110	D	1,620	11.8	I	625	5.4
All other carloads	43,416	D	4,360	9.1	I	296	0.7
LCL traffic	293	D	111	27.5	I	45	18.1
Total Cars Loaded	458,513	D	27,502	5.7	I	7,201	1.6
Corresponding week of 1979	486,015						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (40 weeks)	17,402,084	18,399,413	D	5.4
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
39 weeks cumulative	683.3	676.9	I	0.9
Week ended October 4	18.8	19.3	D	2.6
40 weeks cumulative	702.1	695.8	I	0.9

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WASHINGTON, October 16, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 11 totaled an estimated 18.5 billion ton-miles, 4.2 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 41 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 721 billion ton-miles, 0.8 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 11 totaled 451,687 cars, 7.1 percent below 1979, and 1.5 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 7.9 percent in the East, 3.8 percent in the South, and 8.4 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 16 of the 21 commodity groups were down; however, nonmetallic minerals were up 1,541 cars, or 9.6 percent; chemicals and allied products posted a gain of 1,304 cars, or 4.8 percent; and grain was up 1,033 cars, or 3.1 percent. Ten of the 21 groups were up from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 4 totaled 34,954 cars, down 9.3 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 62,039 trailers and/or containers, 8.4 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 40 weeks of the year was 1,281,808 cars, 10.7 percent lower than last year, and 2,331,235 trailers and/or containers, down 8.0 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/11/80:

	Loadings in Week ended October 11, 1980		Change from Corresponding Week 1979			Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars		Cars	Percent		Cars	Percent
Grain	34,856	I	1,033	3.1	I	112	0.3
Other farm products	5,954	I	650	12.3	I	678	12.9
Metallic ores	25,220	D	9,481	27.3	D	3,286	11.5
Coal	115,962	I	321	0.3	D	1,827	1.6
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,399	D	3,135	16.9	I	231	1.5
Nonmetallic minerals	17,661	I	1,541	9.6	I	1,291	7.9
Grain mill products	17,137	D	929	5.1	D	495	2.8
Food and kindred products	17,977	D	958	5.1	D	248	1.4
Primary forest products	20,020	D	951	4.5	I	1,157	6.1
Lumber and wood products except furniture	8,449	D	3,356	28.4	D	943	10.0
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,247	D	1,908	9.0	D	1,877	8.9
Chemicals and allied products	28,687	I	1,304	4.8	I	1,132	4.1
Petroleum products	5,802	D	346	5.6	I	273	4.9
Stone, clay and glass products	15,677	D	3,913	20.0	D	519	3.2
Coke	4,646	D	1,974	29.8	I	634	15.8
Metals and products	14,705	D	2,712	15.6	D	1,741	10.6
Motor vehicles and equipment	18,708	D	2,894	13.4	I	963	5.4
Waste and scrap materials	12,949	D	855	6.2	I	818	6.7
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,359	D	1,489	11.6	D	751	6.2
All other carloads	41,042	D	4,303	9.5	D	2,387	5.5
LCL traffic	230	D	199	46.4	D	63	21.5
Total Cars Loaded	451,687	D	34,554	7.1	D	6,848	1.5
Corresponding week of 1979	486,241						

	1980	1979	%	Change
Total Cars Loaded (41 weeks)	17,853,793	18,885,654	D	5.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):				
40 weeks cumulative	702.1	695.8	I	0.9
Week ended October 11	18.5	19.3	D	4.2
41 weeks cumulative	720.6	715.2	I	0.8

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WASHINGTON, October 23, 1980 -- Freight traffic on major U.S. railroads during the week ended October 18 totaled an estimated 18.3 billion ton-miles, 5.6 percent below the corresponding week a year ago, the Association of American Railroads reported today.

Cumulative volume for the first 42 weeks of 1980 was an estimated 739 billion ton-miles, 0.6 percent above the comparable period of last year.

Carloadings in the week ended October 18 totaled 449,571 cars, 8.1 percent below 1979, and 0.4 percent lower than the preceding week of this year. Compared with last year, loadings were down 9.2 percent in the East, 3.8 percent in the South, and 9.9 percent in the West.

Compared with the corresponding week of 1979, 19 of the 21 commodity groups were down; however, coal loadings were up 1,585 cars, or 1.4 percent; and grain traffic increased by 2,953 cars, or 9.4 percent. Twelve of the groups were down from the preceding week of this year.

Piggyback

The AAR also reported that piggyback revenue freight traffic on major railroads for the week ended October 11 totaled 33,289 cars, down 9.2 percent from the corresponding week of 1979, and 58,897 trailers and/or containers, 9.3 percent lower than last year.

The cumulative volume of TOFC/COFC traffic for the first 41 weeks of the year was 1,315,097 cars, 10.7 percent lower than last year, and 2,390,112 trailers and/or containers, down 8.0 percent.

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Following are carloadings of major railroads, by commodity groups, for the week ended 10/18/80:

	Loadings in Week ended October 18, 1980	Change from Corresponding Week 1979		Change from Preceding Week	
	Cars	Cars	Percent	Cars	Percent
Grain	34,274	I 2,953	9.4	D 605	1.7
Other farm products	5,929	D 295	4.7	D 6	0.1
Metallic ores	26,620	D 9,965	27.2	I 1,400	5.6
Coal	115,828	I 1,585	1.4	D 134	0.1
Crushed stone, gravel and sand	15,258	D 2,490	14.0	D 154	1.0
Nonmetallic minerals	14,771	D 1,086	6.8	D 2,875	16.3
Grain mill products	16,666	D 1,119	6.3	D 471	2.7
Food and kindred products	18,036	D 1,604	8.2	I 47	0.3
Primary forest products	19,500	D 2,523	11.5	D 520	2.6
Lumber and wood products except furniture	9,194	D 2,135	18.8	I 745	8.8
Pulp, paper and allied products	19,411	D 1,562	7.4	I 165	0.9
Chemicals and allied products	27,647	D 709	2.5	D 1,039	3.6
Petroleum products	5,667	D 534	8.6	D 135	2.3
Stone, clay and glass products	15,476	D 3,697	19.3	D 200	1.3
Coke	5,173	D 1,556	23.1	I 527	11.3
Metals and products	13,812	D 4,756	25.6	D 880	6.0
Motor vehicles and equipment	19,020	D 3,312	14.8	I 317	1.7
Waste and scrap materials	13,344	D 511	3.7	I 409	3.2
Forwarder and shipper association traffic	11,174	D 2,042	15.5	D 185	1.6
All other carloads	42,526	D 4,325	9.2	I 1,491	3.6
LCL traffic	245	D 143	36.9	I 15	6.5
Total Cars Loaded	449,571	D 39,826	8.1	D 2,088	0.4
Corresponding week of 1979	489,397				

	1980	1979	% Change
Total Cars Loaded (42 weeks)	18,303,336	19,375,051	D 5.5
Estimated revenue ton-miles (in billions):			
41 weeks cumulative	720.6	715.2	I 0.8
Week ended October 18	18.3	19.4	D 5.6
42 weeks cumulative	738.9	734.5	I 0.6

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